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GERMAN-YUGOSLAVIA RUPTURE LOOMS NEAR

FALL OF MASSAWA NEAR

The fall of Massawa, the Eritrean naval base on the Red Sea, is expected at any moment, the British military spokesman said in Cairo last night.

After the capture of Asmara the Italian forces are making no attempt to defend the port, the spokesman added.

They have taken the main road to the south and are at present in full retreat closely pursued by the Imperial forces and are suffering from hammering by the Royal Air Force.—Reuter.

Nazis Concocting Atrocity Tales

ITALIAN SUBMARINE SUNK

It was officially announced in London yesterday that a British submarine reports having sunk in the Mediterranean an Italian U-boat and the Italian tanker Laura Corrado (3,645 tons). — Reuter.

VON HEEREN, GERMAN MINISTER TO YUGOSLAVIA, NOW IN BERLIN, IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO BELGRADE, THOUGH OFFICIAL INTIMATION OF A RUPTURE IN YUGOSLAV-GERMAN RELATIONS WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED, SAYS THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM "AFTONBLADET."

He adds that any German military action will probably require some weeks of preparation.

Meanwhile uncertainty about the Yugoslav situation has compelled Italy to re-group her forces as a precaution against the threat on a new front in Albania, according to the correspondent.

London Statement

Cheers greeted Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the Commons yesterday when he said that the Yugoslav situation had completely altered since his last statement by the establishment, without any internal disorder, of a new Government.

Mr. Butler added: "The House will have noted with gratification the order of the day of General Simovitch, in which, after asking that false rumours should be ignored, General Simovitch said his Government were pursuing a friendly policy to all their neighbours."

Mr. Butler added that the British Government were in full and friendly relations with the new Yugoslavian Government.

Nazis Intensify Atrocity Campaign

THE ATROCITY CAMPAIGN AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA ON THE GERMAN RADIO SHOWS SIGNS OF INCREASING INTENSITY LAST NIGHT.

The most extravagant allegations regarding the treatment by the Serbs of German refugees, said to be arriving in trainloads at Graz (Austria), are made on the alleged authority of the refugees themselves. — Reuter.

AIR MAIL FOR ARMY OF THE NILE

It was announced in London yesterday that a special air mail post card service is being introduced for the personnel of British forces serving in the Middle East. Post cards will be carried all the way by air to bases in the Middle East, where they will be delivered by the Army postal service. — Reuter.

TO REJECT AXIS PROTEST

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, has decided to reject the German and Italian demands for the release of seized Axis ships, it is understood in Washington.

Asked at his daily press conference yesterday whether there was any present intention of releasing the ships, as demanded by the Axis protest note, Mr. Hull said he had not heard of it in Government quarters.

When the United States replied to the protests, he added, the State Department would probably take up with the Italian and German Embassies the question of publishing the correspondence. — Reuter.

ings and there was a small number of casualties, of which a very few were fatal.

Elsewhere there was little damage and no casualties were reported.

One enemy aircraft was destroyed by British fighters in the morning.

No alert had been sounded in London up to a late hour last evening.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TRADE TACTICS ROUSE PROTESTS

QUESTIONED IN THE Commons yesterday about the "open door" trade policy in China, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the British Government had for some time been watching the trend of Japanese policy towards foreign interests in China, and in particular the effect on British trade.

Recently he took an opportunity to draw the attention of the Japanese Ambassador to the present state of affairs, which the British Government found impossible to reconcile with past protestations of the Japanese Government about the maintenance of the open door.

Asked by Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons.) whether it was right to assume that the Japanese had now gone back on all their agreements regarding European interests, Mr. Butler said:

"We have on the one hand Japanese statements and on the other hand the situation as it is now developing.

"Japanese statements say their policy is unchanged, whereas the more we look at the situation the more unsatisfactory we see it to be. That is why we have taken an opportunity to bring the matter to the urgent attention of the Japanese Government." — Reuter.

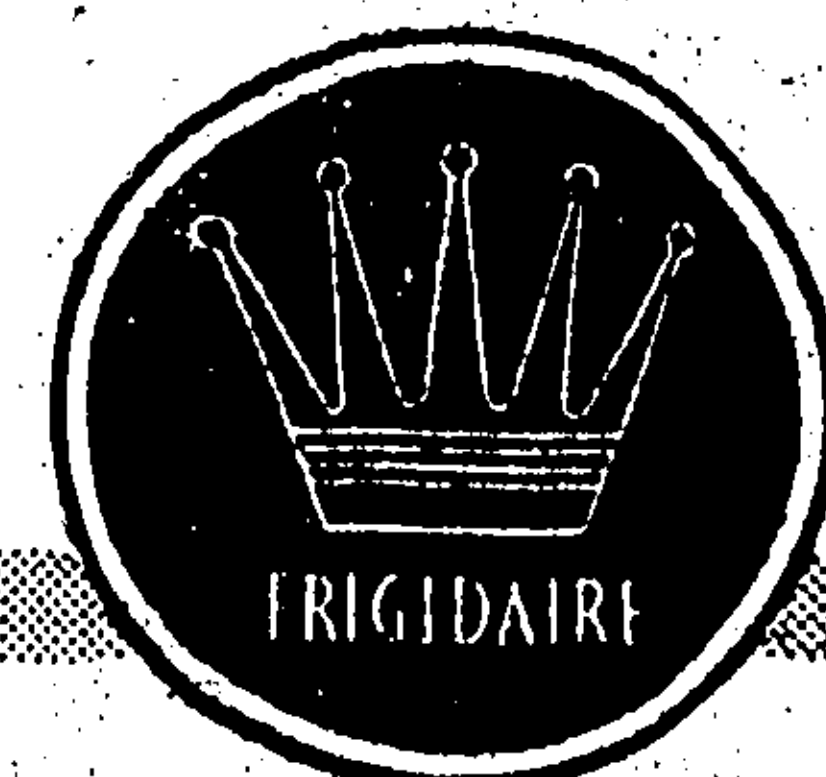
to pass it on in this way. The Dutch news agency says: "Never have the Dutch people so gratefully received a gift from the Dutch Indies, especially as it is almost impossible to get an ounce of tea in Dutch shops." — Reuter.

R.A.F. DROPS TEA OVER HOLLAND

Departing from the pamphlet policy the R.A.F. recently released over occupied Netherlands 75,000 bags of the finest Dutch East Indies tea, each containing about an ounce. Reuter learns from Dutch sources in London.

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ITALY'S APOLOGIA FOR DEFEAT

Eye-Witnesses Give Facts Of Naval Battle

Heavy Broadships Prevent Italians From Hitting Back

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent With The Mediterranean Fleet)

EYE-WITNESS STORIES OF THE GREAT MEDITERRANEAN BATTLE WERE GIVEN REUTER IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY BY OFFICERS IN THE BATTLESHIPS BARHAM AND VALIANT AND THE CRUISER GLOUCESTER.

These made clear that the lightning broadsides from our battleships nipped in the bud any hopes the Italians may have had of hitting back.

The Italian cruisers Zara and Fiume received broadsides from Barham and Valiant within a few seconds of sustaining direct hits from Warspite.

Captain G. C. Cooke, of Barham, compared the battleships, which used 6-inch as well as 15-inch guns, to "a team of three perfectly trained boxers."

Barham's first broadside scored a direct hit under the bridge of one cruiser, and the second caused a series of explosions.

As this cruiser then began burning furiously from bow to stern, Barham shifted her fire to the second ship in the line, which was already burning.

She received a broadside near her waterline. The fire aboard her became so fierce that a further target was sought but none was found.

No Effective Reply

An eye-witness said the cruiser's guns remained pointing fore and aft throughout the action. The only fire they put up came from Breda guns with tracer shells from the A.A. armament.

Commissioned Gunner Edwards of Barham described the broadsides as "the best night shoot I have ever seen."

He told how for many years the British Navy has constantly practiced night actions.

Captain Cooke spoke in highest praise of every man in his ship, including the cook, who continued to serve food.

Gloucester's Part

Aboard Gloucester I was told how Gloucester, Orion, Ajax and Perth contacted the enemy warships throughout last Friday while they endeavoured to lure them in the direction of the British Fleet.

Officers in Gloucester and Orion testified to the good shooting of the Italians.

Gloucester is keeping shell splinters as trophies, though these did not scratch her paintwork in falling aboard her.

When the Italians closed in, our cruisers were able to reply and several of their salvoes fell near them.

Battleship Appears

Shortly afterwards the Italian battleship Vittorio Veneto was sighted approaching at full speed with a tremendous bow wave.

All her guns were soon trained on our cruiser squadron. After the battleship had been firing for some time it was noticed that her range was lengthening.

This was when torpedo bombers from the aircraft-carrier Formidable were making their crippling attack on her.

With our battle fleet coming up the four cruisers were again sent ahead to try and contact the enemy. They succeeded towards evening, when the "Armada" was carrying out their dusk attack.

After nightfall our cruisers continued the hunt for the Italian fleet.

Meanwhile our battleships got in range of the Zara and Fiume, which were apparently assisting the torpedo cruiser Pola.

Italian Apologia

An apologia issued by the Italian authorities, explaining away the crushing defeat of the Italian Navy off Cape Matapan, is a naive document which shows how completely the Italians are deceiving, or attempting to deceive, themselves, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

It admits the losses, he adds, which could not be concealed because survivors of the crews are in British hands, but says nothing about the damage to the Vittorio Veneto, which may or may not have got home.

Indeed, it conveniently overlooks the presence of this fast super-battleship and two other battleships of the Cavour class and only speaks of light units which were out-gunned by heavy but much slower craft.

"Important Character"

It somewhat lamely attempts to make capital out of the fact that they did not use their superior speed "for reasons of an important character" which are not specified, but is silent regarding the British claim that they

"SHIED" AT LEGS

Tapping out a snappy rhythm for high-kicking chorus girls at Oldham Empire Theatre, Lancs, a white-haired seventy-five-year-old grandfather has found a cure for a broken heart.

He is Mr. John Melia, who has returned to his old job as drummer in a theatre orchestra after twenty years' retirement.

"I was broken-hearted when my wife died a short time ago, so I decided to try to forget my loneliness in the bright and cheery atmosphere of the theatre," granddad Melia told a reporter.

"It was hard work at first. Chorus girls certainly move faster than they used to in the old days. But soon all the suppleness came back into my fingers."

"The girls are very sweet to me and call me Dad. They're fine lasses, too. At first I felt quite shy at having so many bare legs kicking over my head, but that soon went. In the old days the chorus girls all wore stockings."

Granddad Melia is proud that he can now claim to be the oldest theatre drummer in the country.

Nightly, as he sits at his drums, he sees visions of Dan Leno, Vesta Tilley and Florio Ford. He has played for all of them.

His proudest memory is of a tour with Fred Karno's "Mumming Birds" with Charlie Chaplin as one of the company.

were lamed by British torpedo attacks from the air.

The statement also passed over in silence the fact that German aircraft fired upon British vessels engaged in rescue work. — Reuter.

HITLER'S FIFTH COLUMN ORGANISER ARRIVES IN CHILE

HERR VON RIETH, who as former German Minister in Vienna took an active part in the abortive revolt against Chancellor Dollfuss in 1934, recently arrived in South America and is now in Chile, it was learned yesterday from circles in New York in close touch with events in Latin America.

Accompanied by General Niedenfuhr, South American specialist of the German Secret Service, von Rieth is understood to be making it his special business to stir up hostility to the United States in the southern hemisphere.

Von Rieth has already made himself conspicuous through his activities in the Argentine where, with the active help of local German and Italian Fifth Columnists, he tried to play up the nationalist feeling of Argentines against the United States and Britain.

It is recalled that in the first abortive attempt to destroy the unity of Austria, von Rieth conspired with von Rintelen, then Austrian Minister in Rome, against Chancellor Dollfuss.

When, on July 25, 1934, Nazi Fifth Columnists dressed as policemen and members of the Austrian armed forces, stormed the Chancellery in Vienna and shot Dr. Dollfuss, von Rieth appeared in front of the Prime Minister's headquarters and openly negotiated on behalf of the insurgents with Dr. Ley, Minister of Interior.

Extraordinary Incident

He suggested the revolt should be called off (it in the meantime had failed in the provinces) on condition that the Austrian Government assured a safe conduct to the Chancellor's murderers, for whom von Rieth promised sanctuary in Germany.

The offer was rejected by President Miklas, who said it was extraordinary for the diplomatic representative of a friendly neighbouring state to act as a parliamentarian on behalf of men who had just killed the Prime Minister of the country to which he was accredited.

Fifth Column Organiser

As the revolt had failed in any case, von Rieth was recalled immediately by Hitler, who disclaimed responsibility for the uprising.

Since then little has been heard of von Rieth, who, however, appears to have been the head of the special section of the German Foreign Office in charge of Fifth Columnists, where he enjoyed high rank as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. — Reuter.

THE KING'S CONGRATULATIONS TO G-IN-C

King George yesterday sent the following message to Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet:

"My heartiest congratulations to all ranks and ratings under your command on your great victory." — Reuter.

TYPICAL HUNNISH TRICK

Seven hundred British officer prisoners of war in Germany have been transferred to camps in Poland possessing inferior amenities, on the ground that conditions in an officers' prison camp in Canada did not conform to the Prisoners of War Convention.

This was revealed by Mr. Richard Law, Financial Secretary to the War Office, in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Law said enquiries had shown that allegations regarding the Canadian camp were completely unfounded and that the camp had been favourably reported on by the International Red Cross.

Strong representations, Mr. Law added, had been made to the German Government, which he hoped would result in the return of the officers to their original camp. — Reuter.

HITLER DID NOT MAKE HER CRY

A girl, aged eight, made her way through fires and explosions to a first-aid station.

Her forehead was badly gashed. She never whimpered. She kept on repeating: "Hitler shall not make me cry."

Viscount Simon, Lord Chancellor, told that story at Kingston, Surrey. He was opening a War Weapons Week.

IMPERIAL WAR COUNCIL SUGGESTION

FORMATION OF AN Imperial War Council consisting of the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the Dominions and Southern Rhodesia or their representatives, a representative of India and representatives of the colonies and protectorates, was suggested by Lord Elibank in the House of Lords yesterday.

Lord Cranborne, Secretary for the Dominions, intimated Government opposed the suggestion as it was not at present practicable or possible.

He added there were doubtless circumstances and situations in which a conference of Dominion Prime Ministers might be of the utmost value.

A point might be reached in which we might be able to look more into the future than at present, and at such a moment an Imperial Conference might be not only important but essential.

IN THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW THAT MOMENT HAD NOT YET COME BUT SHOULD THE SITUATION AFTERWARDS BE SUCH AS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE SUCH A CONFERENCE, GOVERNMENT WOULD HEARTILY WELCOME IT. — REUTER.

To other questions Mr. Butler replied: "We always hope that such developments will draw relations with the Soviet Government closer." — Reuter.

SOVIET'S GUARANTEE TO TURKEY

THE RECENT TURCO-SOVIET DECLARATION CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE: "SHOULD TURKEY IN FACT BE THE OBJECT OF AGGRESSION AND BE INVOLVED IN WAR IN DEFENCE OF HER TERRITORY, TURKEY COULD THEN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TURCO-SOVIET NON-AGGRESSION PACT, COUNT UPON THE FULL UNDERSTANDING AND NEUTRALITY OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT."

In giving this information in the Commons yesterday, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that he regarded this declaration by the Soviet Union in regard to Turkey as eminently satisfactory.

Bristol Undismayed By Six Blitzkrieg Air Raids

WEATHER NOW THE CHIEF ALLY

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE VIBRANT CITY AND PORT OF BRISTOL IS FULL OF NEW ENERGY AND PROMISE AFTER SIX AIR BLITZES AS THE FAMOUS ALMOND AVENUES ARE NOW IN BLOOM WHICH SOFTEN SOME OF THE JAGGED OUTLINES CAUSED BY WAR.

I have been behind the scenes of Bristol's blitz life and it seems quite clear that here, as elsewhere, the Luftwaffe has failed to smash down British resistance.

After suffering as heavy blows relative to her size as Liverpool and London, Bristol's economic life is unimpaired.

The weather, murky by day and wild by night, continues to be Britain's chief ally at the moment, preventing a resumption of night attacks on a heavy scale.

These were cut short along this extensive base line in the Battle of the Atlantic nearly a fortnight ago.

Resistance to the Nazi air onslaught on this city, whose peacetime population of 500,000 is rising, is not at all passive.

A. A. Batteries

The R.A.F. quickly chase inquisitive reconnaissance planes by day and at night A.A. guns roll like thunder, turning away all but large formations of raiders.

There are two chief reasons why sober minded Bristolians believe their city can and will continue to shoulder her great responsibility: there are the dockers, whom I saw turning round ships at Avonmouth in double quick time as compared with before the war, and Bristol's air raid personnel, whose organisation is one of the most efficient in the country.

These key workers keep a vast flow of supplies running smoothly from ships into rail, way and rail sidings, no matter how intense enemy action may be inside or outside dock and land.

In keeping clear and healthy the very lifeblood of Britain's continued resistance, they are constantly aiming at higher efficiency. — Reuter.

GAS CAUSED RAID SCARE

People living near Plymouth gasworks ran to their shelters when a terrific explosion shook the district.

Shoppers also took cover when a series of minor explosions were heard in several streets and huge pieces of paving were thrown up. But it was not an air raid. The big bang was a gas explosion at the works. The minor explosions were the result of the shock travelling along the gas main.

The Road Bulged

One man was killed and several were injured at the works. There were a few minor explosions in the streets. A motorist said he narrowly missed being blown up.

"I thought something had suddenly gone wrong with my tyre," he explained. "When I saw a portion of the road to burst out of its bulge, and then open with a roar, I managed to steer round it and my car almost overturned."

Gas company officials refuse to explain the cause of the explosion. A Government inquiry is expected.

DOUBLE T.K.O. IS UNSATISFACTORY

While Michigan's boxing commissioner, John J. Hettiche, has upheld a verdict of a double technical knockout ending a recent Detroit bout, he is conferring with authorities in other states to arrive at a more satisfactory decision when both fighters are injured, writes a correspondent from Detroit. In a fight between Pat Carroll and Sammy Secret, Referee Clarence Rosen decreed a double T.K.O. when the commission physician said both fighters were unable to continue because of cuts.

STANFORD MAY TAKE UP CREW

After a lapse of 18 years, the famous American Stanford University is considering resumption of intercollegiate crew racing. Four races have been scheduled for the sport, which has not had any financial assistance from university authorities. Students are using a shell given them by the University of California; four former California crewmen are acting as volunteer coaches.

Air Activity In Africa

The bombing of enemy aerodromes in Tripolitania and South African Air Force activities in Eritrea and Abyssinia are features of yesterday's R.A.F. Cairo communique.

The communique says the R.A.F. continues to give active support to the successful operation of our ground forces in Eritrea.

South African fighters intercepted and drove off numbers of Italian planes in the Asmara area.

In southern Abyssinia, South African aircraft attacked enemy communications and defences and various kinds of transport be-

STAG HUNT: M.P.'S QUESTION

A stag hunt at Carnforth, Lancs, will be mentioned in the House of Commons when Mr. J. R. Leslie (Soc., Sedgefield) asked the Minister of Agriculture if his attention has been called to a case of cruelty following the hunt.

Mr. Leslie asks whether, to put a stop to this practice whereby animals endure torture, the Minister "will take action under the Emergency Powers Defence Act to authorise persons to enter upon land and to take steps for the killing and removal of deer, hares, and rabbits, thereby serving a useful purpose by adding to the food supply of the nation."

Between Awash and Adama, Motor transport was also bombed and machine-gunned at many other places.

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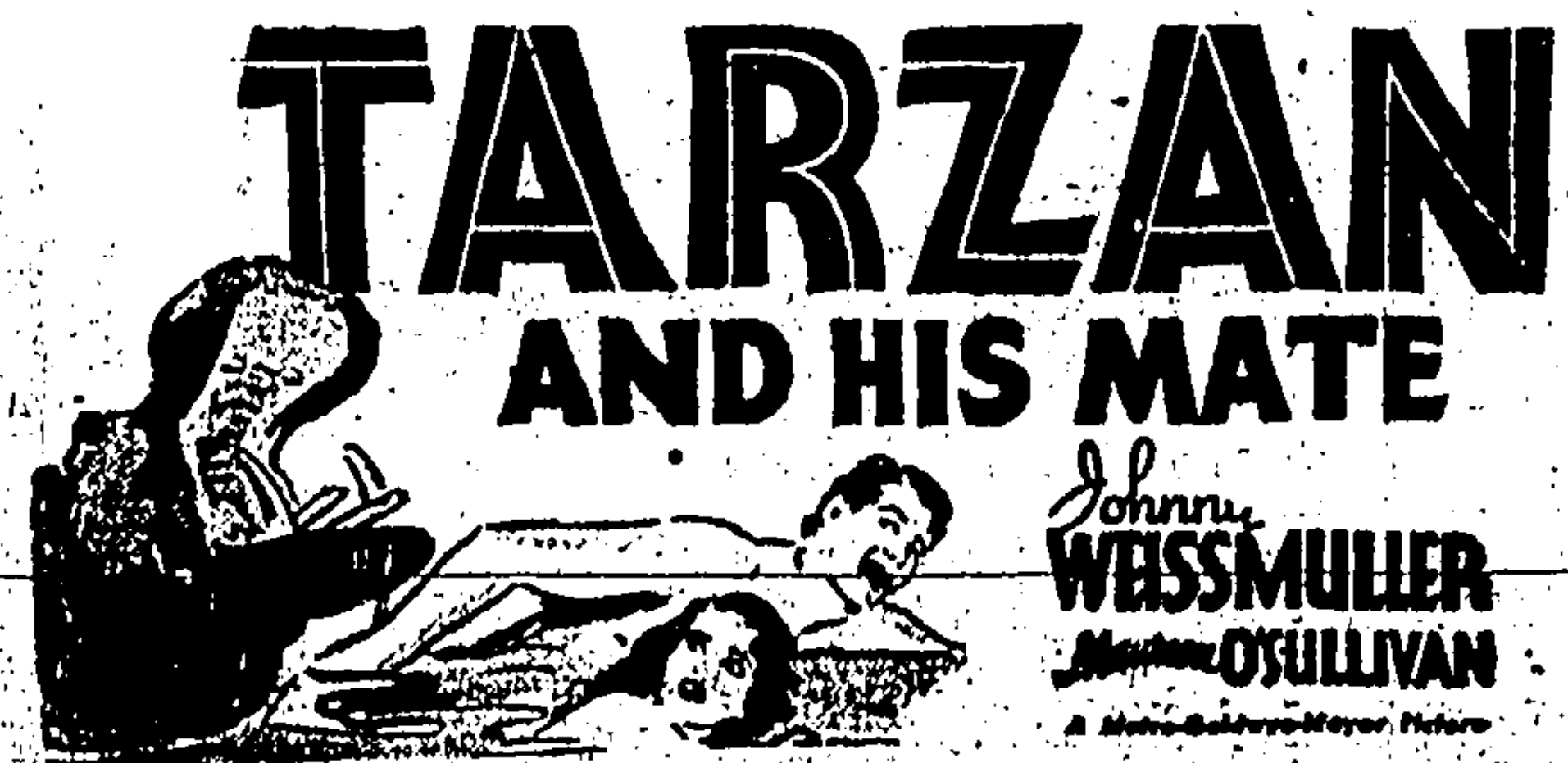


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WOMEN OF INDIA RALLY

The striking manner in which women in India have risen to the war's occasions in support of their fighting men, was the subject of a talk given at London headquarters of the Over-Seas League yesterday by Mrs. Lall, wife of the Deputy Commissioner for India.

The number of Empire and Allied countries represented in the audience, mostly in uniform, testified to the interest taken in the subject of Indian welfare work.

Under the inspiring lead of Lady Linlithgow, said Mrs. Lall, the war work of Indian women was on a wide scale and covered all provinces. In almost every large Indian city women had come forward with offers of service through established organisations and others set up since war began.

Women of all communities were collecting funds for the Red Cross, knitting for Indian soldiers and sailors and receiving training for A.R.P. work.

Many Ambulances

In the larger ports they were preparing to deal with casualties from the battle fronts, and to assist soldiers and their families passing through the ports, while from a silver trinket fund, raised from ornaments given to the cause, they had supplied a blood transfusion plant urgently required in the Middle East and had provisioned many ambulances.

The few Indian ladies left in London, Mrs. Lall added, were assisting the Indian Comforts Fund in providing much needed comforts for soldiers and seamen in colder climates. In this work they were aided by 600 ladies in all parts of Britain.—Reuter.

16, SHE BEATS THE BOMBS

"I get 5s. a week pocket-money and out of that I am saving up for a new bicycle. My old one has been bent by the bombs."

That was what sixteen-year-old Charity Bick said at her home in Maude Road, West Bromwich, where she has just received a letter from Lord Dudley, Regional Commissioner for the Midlands, congratulating her for her bravery as a volunteer A.R.P. dispatch rider.

"During one big raid I was out on my bike when I was blown off into the gutter by a bomb," she said. "I got up and carried on."

"Then I saw an incendiary drop on the roof of a pawnbroker's shop. I climbed up and put it out. I fell right through into the bedroom and hurt my back. But I managed to carry on."

"One night I was blown off five times by bomb blast, and several times I lay in the gutter with the bike on top of me while bombs were bursting around."

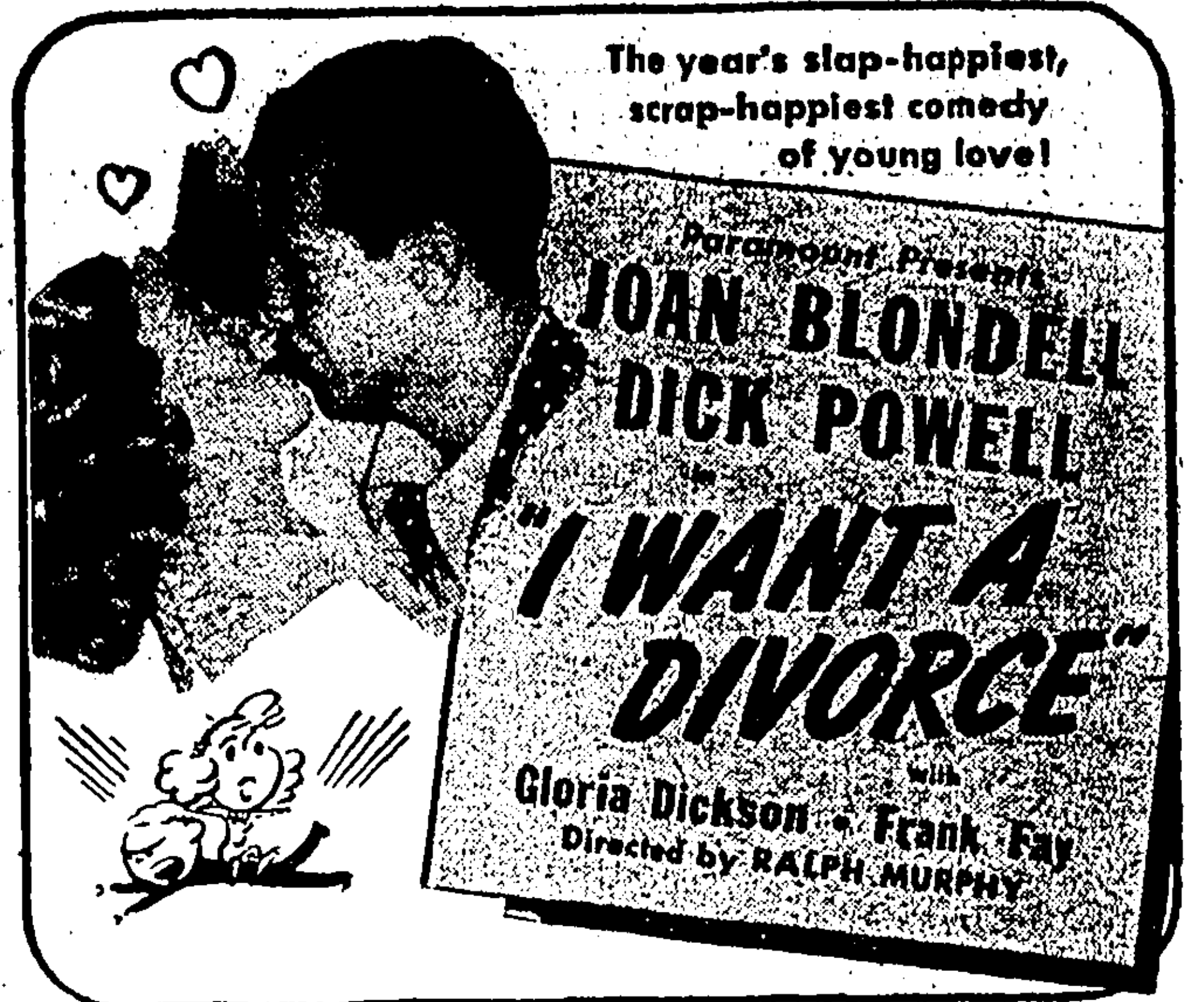
"My daddy is a warden and Mummy is a Red Cross nurse. They are a lot on duty during raid, so it is up to me to do the same. I never feel a bit afraid."

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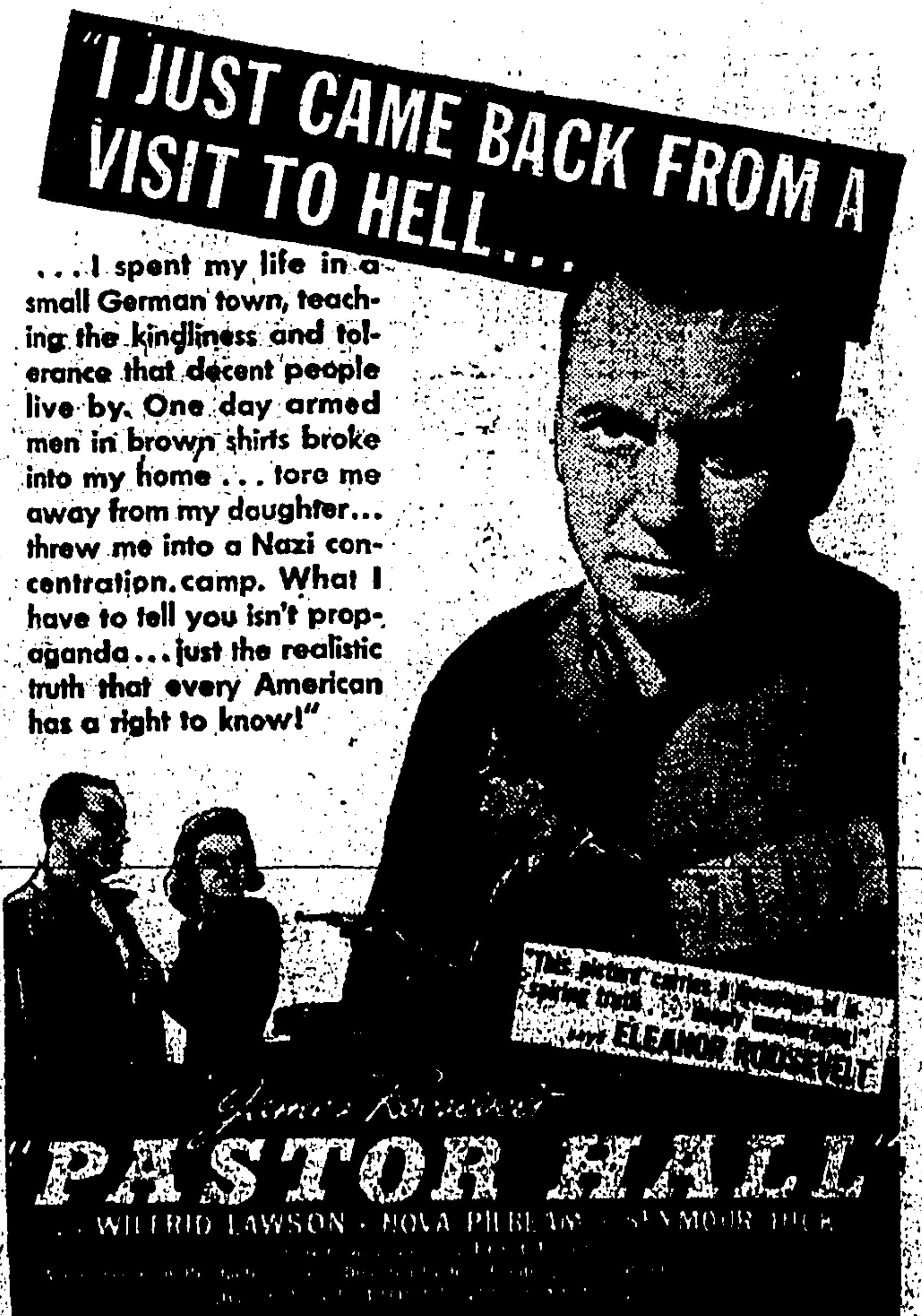
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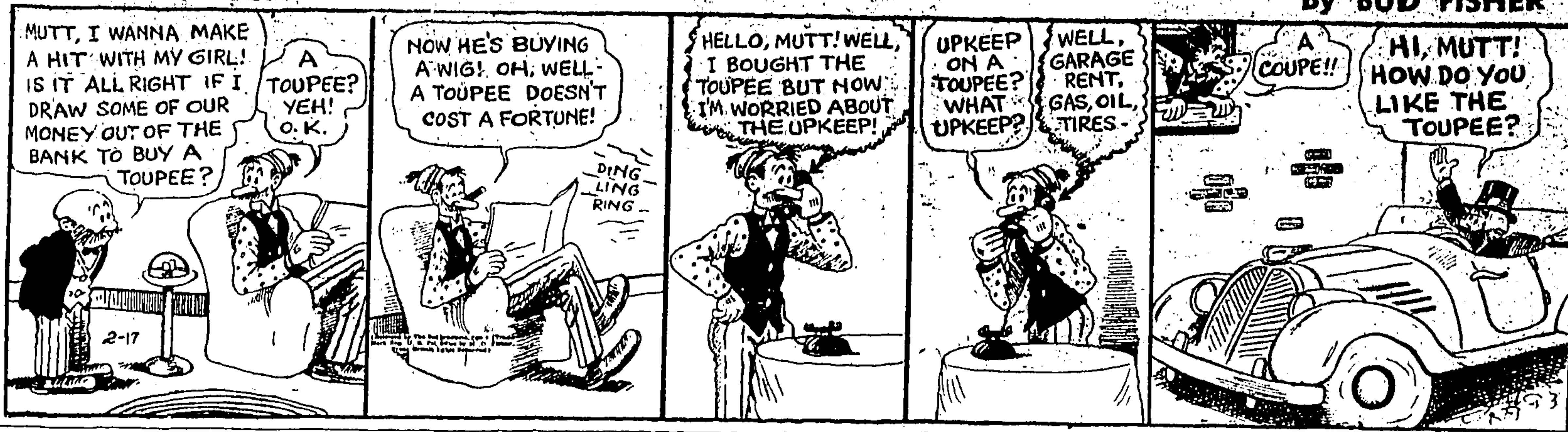
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SO NAVY CAUGHT FLIES FOR BIRD

A destroyer on patrol miles off the coast had a visitor. Nearly everyone was busy. Busy catching flies. And there aren't many flies to be found on a destroyer in the middle of winter.

But the visitor demanded flies. He had fluttered down out of the wind, a gay-coloured, long-beaked bird and, having once found the warmth and hospitality of the mess, was reluctant to leave.

He made himself at home. No one could tell what kind of bird he was. He turned up his beak at cornflakes and cheese.

Then he solved the feeding problem himself. His beak shot out to catch a fly.

That set his hosts searching. In crannies, behind steam pipes, flies were discovered, flicked over to the visitor.

In a paradise of non-stop fly-snapping the visitor lived for three days.

"But on the third morning," writes an officer in the destroyer, "we found him dead. He was buried at sea."

BOY, 15, RISKS DEATH IN BALLOON FIRE

WHEN A RUNAWAY barrage balloon bounced down the street, a boy of fifteen risked death to put out a street lamp which threatened to explode gas escaping from the balloon.

He was a second too late, and the explosion blew him from his perch on the top of the lamppost. Today he is lying in a country hospital, his arms bandaged because of severe burns, and his scarred face smeared with antiseptic lotion. But he is still perky. He grins when he is called a young hero.

The boy is John Edward Griffiths -- they call him Eddie -- of a northwest town. He told a reporter:

"I had overslept and was hurrying to work when along came the balloon. R.A.F. men were hanging on the cable. They were being pulled along at a great pace. They shouted for help and a bunch of us civilians rushed forward.

The balloon got wedged in the junction of four streets, and while they were opening the valve to let out the gas I noticed that the street lamp was burning.

"Knowing what would happen if the hydrogen caught fire, I shinned up the lamppost and tried to put it out."

He had reached the top when there was a terrific explosion.

Flames licked his face, and he was lifted into the air and down about fifteen yards down the street.

Dazed, he scrambled to his feet. Aircraftman Rupert Randolph McKnight, aged twenty-nine, was trapped beneath the blazing balloon his clothes on fire.

Eddie ran forward and helped others to drag him free, severely burning his hands and arms. Later he tried to slip away but was taken to hospital.

There were two fatal casualties -- McKnight and seventeen-year-old Frederick Thomas Boneham, deaf and dumb, who was standing at the base of the lamppost climbed by Eddie. Both died of burns and shock in hospital.

Police officials and R.A.F. officers have taken down Eddie's statement and congratulated him.

"Some folk say I'm getting a medal, but I reckon they're leg-pulling," Eddie said. "It would be fun, though. My dad is in the Army and it would please him -- although I haven't done anything worth it."

Nurses and other patients in the ward all admire Eddie's grit. And neighbours have described him as the bravest boy they know -- scared of nothing.

He is a messenger in the A.F.S., and has never been known to flinch during a raid.

NECK BROKEN—LIVED 3 YEARS

AN INQUEST ON THE VICTIM OF A ROAD ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED THREE YEARS AGO IS TO BE HELD AT BRIGHTON.

For three years John Richardson, engineer, of New York Street, Brighton, who has just died, aged twenty-four, lay on his back paralysed and unable to move.

His neck was broken by a fall from his motor-cycle in a country lane in Sussex.

After spending two Christmases in hospital he asked to be taken home to Brighton. For nearly eighteen months his mother was his day and night nurse.

He chatted cheerily with friends who went in to read to him every day.

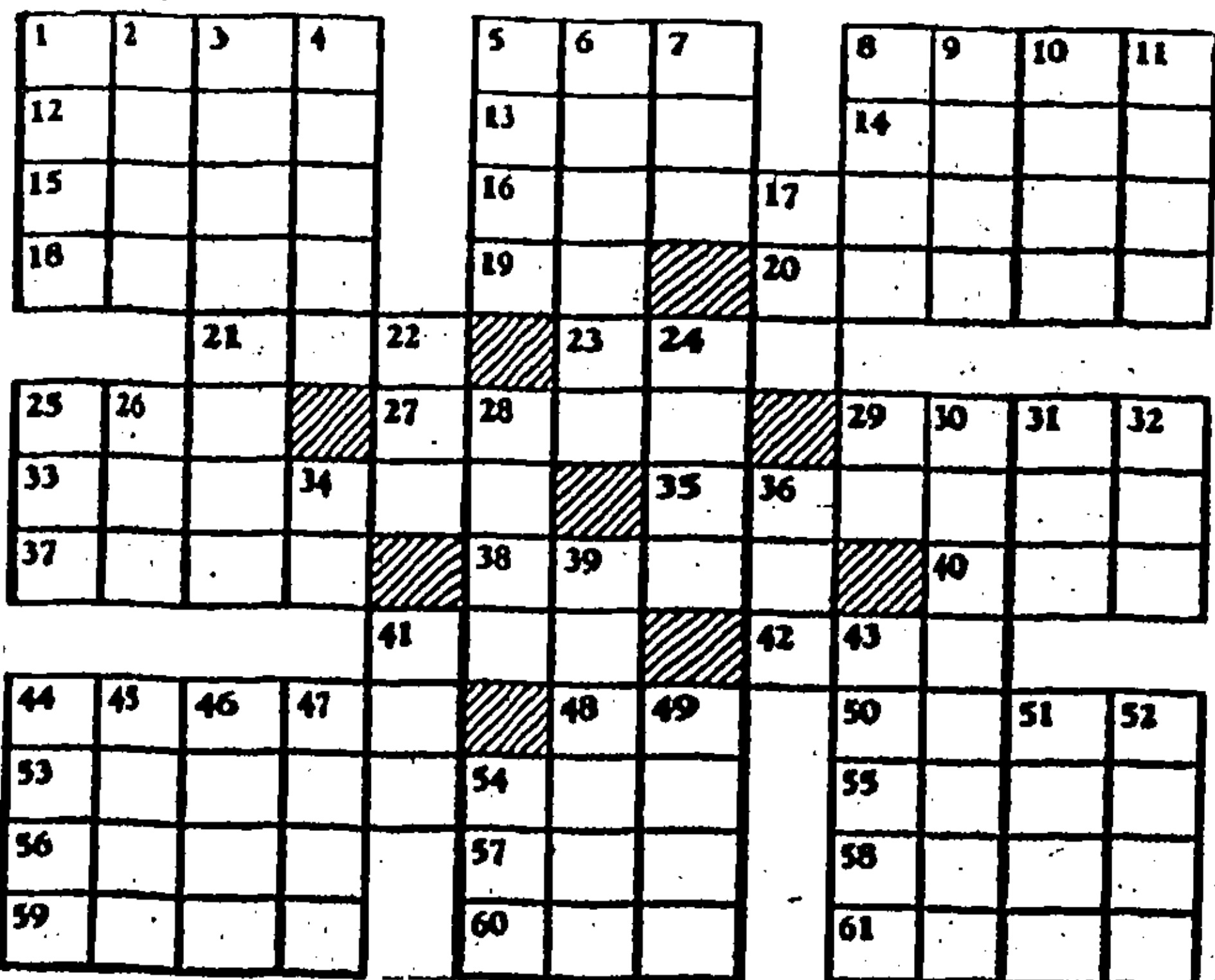
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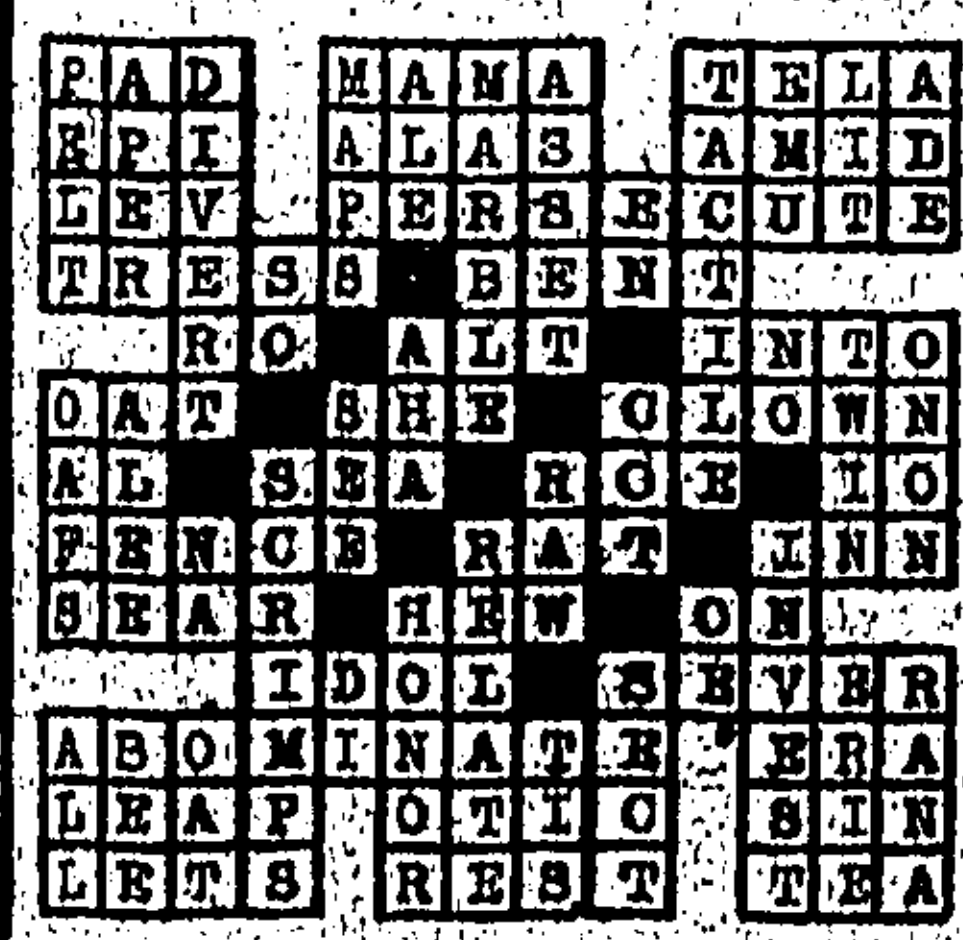
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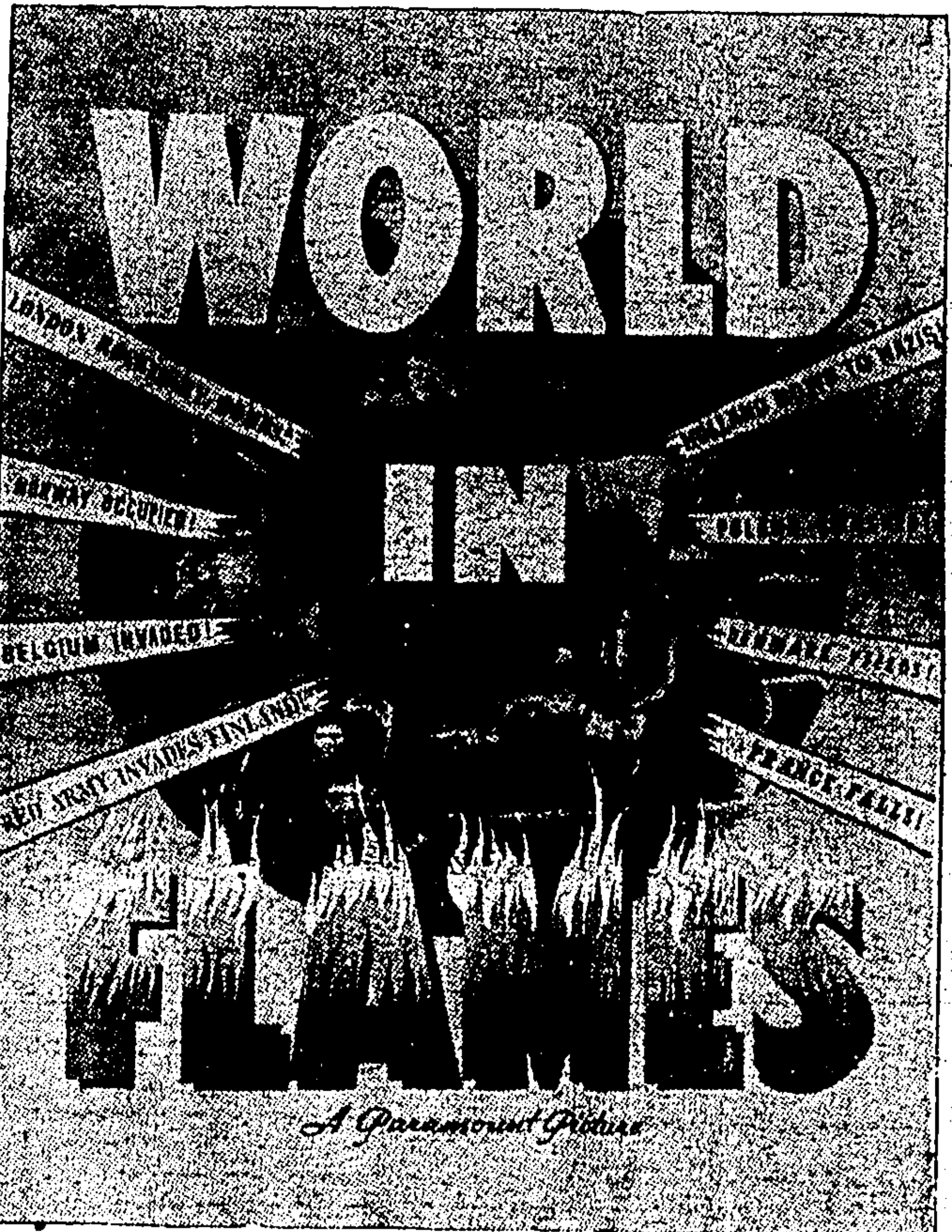


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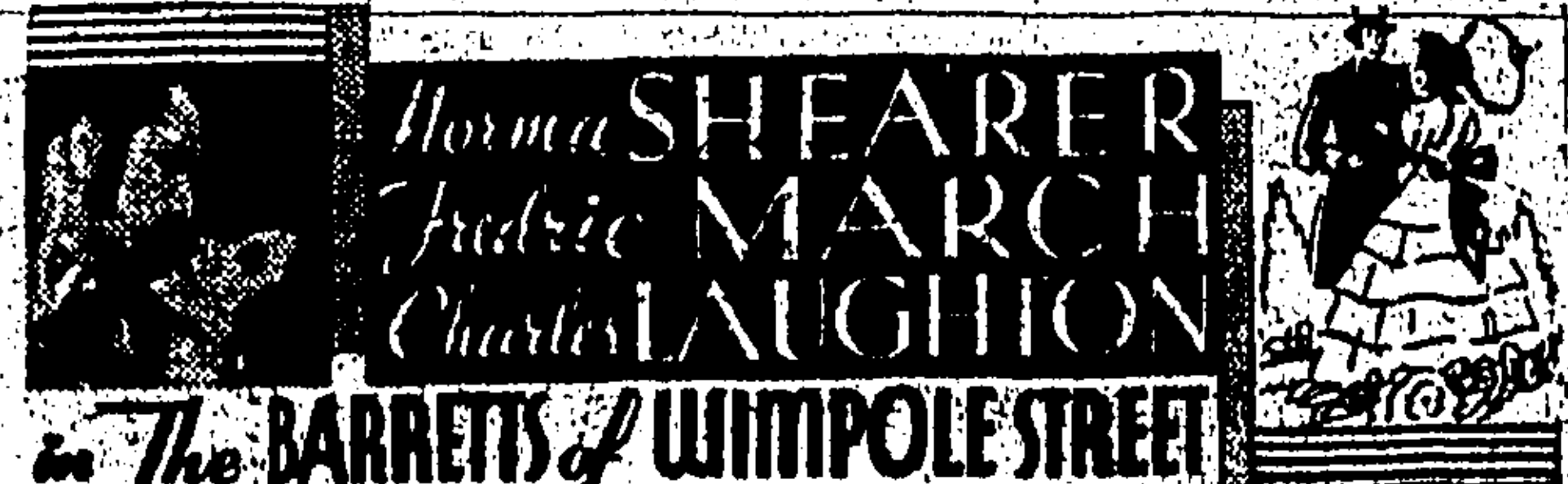
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THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND AMERICA BY AIDING THE ALLIES, IN NEW YORK, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS ADOPTED THE SLOGAN "DELIVER THE GOODS TO BRITAIN NOW." IN A LONG STATEMENT OF POLICY THE COMMITTEE SAID THAT SPEED WAS ESSENTIAL IN DELIVERING WAR MATERIALS, AND THAT THIS MEANT "CONVOY OF SHIPS WITH AMERICAN NAVAL VESSELS IF NEED BE."

The committee's statement in full follows:

"The Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies is committed to an Allied success because America and the American way of life will be gravely imperiled by an Axis victory. By the passage of the lend-lease bill the American people have committed themselves to full material aid to the Allies. This policy must now be supported by a united nation. The committee will support the following measures to make this policy effective:

"1. The full mobilisation of American economic life for greater production, with whatever sacrifices are necessary on the part of business, labour, agriculture and the consumer.

"Immediate and adequate appropriations under the lend-lease act.

"Use by the American government of whatever means are necessary to insure prompt delivery of war materials to the Allies, including (1) repair of Allied naval vessels in American waters; (2) supplying to the Allies of all possible merchant tonnage; (3) transfer to the Allies of additional destroyers and other naval craft; (4) permission to the Allies to organise convoys in American ports, and (5) convoy of ships with American naval vessels if need be.

"Deliver Now" Slogan

"Our slogan will be 'Deliver the goods to Britain now.'

"2. Congressional revision of legislation in order to permit the recruiting of Americans who wish to serve voluntarily in the armed or civilian forces of those nations whose defence is necessary for American security.

"3. Freezing of all foreign assets in the United States under the licence system to prevent further withdrawal of Axis balances and to control Nazi activities in the Western Hemisphere.

"4. A firm policy in the Pacific, including (1) increase of American naval strength in the Far East; (2) increased aid to China; (3) extension of embargoes on war materials to Japan; (4) clear indication of our determination to prevent the conquest of Singapore and the Dutch East Indies; (5) opening by the United States and Great Britain of Far Eastern naval bases to each other's fleets, and (6) a clear naval understanding between the two countries.

"5. Strenuous efforts to combat Nazi and totalitarian propaganda in the Americas with care to preserve civil liberties and the Good Neighbour policy.

"Any action or failure to act by the United States involves a risk of war. Delays have already increased that risk. We are convinced that the course which we advocate involves the lesser danger of war and contributes to a constructive peace.

"Eventual victory for the forces of democracy must be translated into the institutions and machinery for durable peace with American participation. Public opinion must be mobilised now so that America will play an effective part in the organisation of a lasting peace and will this time see the job through.

Position Of Committee

"We take this position because should Britain fall:

"(1) All of the exits from and entrances to the Atlantic would pass immediately into hostile hands. This in the past has meant invasion of our country. It might mean invasion again.

"(2) A large part of South

America, conscious of our inability to defend it, would almost at once come within the orbit of the Nazi regime. It would be reasonable to expect the establishment there of hostile military, naval and air bases.

"(3) All of the Orient, including Singapore, the Dutch East Indies and other vital strategic points, would fall under the domination of the aggressor nations.

"(4) We would be barred from the external world: From Cape Town to the Arctic Circle, from the Azores to Guam, from the Horn to the Amazon, except on such terms as the Nazis might dictate. We would be encircled to the South; restricted in the Atlantic; and hemmed in in the Pacific.

"(5) It is doubtful whether we could build our war forces rapidly enough in this sort of world or to enforce our own terms externally. The forces of despotism would control all of Europe, all of Africa and most of Asia. They would, therefore, control every essential resource, natural and otherwise, to organise military domination of the world. They would control shipping and ship building facilities seven times as great as ours, industrial capacity for the production of planes, tanks, and implements of war larger than ours. The survival of our world is at stake.

"In the words of Hitler himself 'Two worlds are in conflict, two philosophies of life. One of these two worlds must break asunder.'

"We believe, and without reservation, that our only chance of establishing a peaceful world in which we might live in freedom and tranquility and preserve our institutions is to insure an allied victory.

This Year Critical

"We must not be deceived by the swoop of British arms in Africa. This year is a critical year. It may even be a desperate year. Its desperation may not lie in a successful invasion of Britain but in other phases of the war.

"A crisis is developing in the delivery of war materials and to strategic theatres of activity. British bottoms are being sunk at an alarming rate and replacements are wholly inadequate. This shrinking tonnage is more critical because the lines of supply have been extended by many thousands of miles from London to the Orient around the Cape. Furthermore, it is necessary to transport across the Atlantic an ever-increasing volume of vital war materials. German points of departure from which submarines and air forces may intersect the British lines of supply have been multiplied on a coast line of almost 1,500 miles in length. A shrinking British tonnage must support a burden which, without our determined aid, it may not be able to sustain. With our assistance in the shipyards, on the sea, and in the air, this crisis can be overcome — victory can and will be won.

The statement was issued after a two-day conference at the Hotel Biltmore of the twenty-eight members of the committee's national policy board. Lewis W. Douglas, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, is chairman of this board, while former Senator Ernest W. Gibson Jr. of Vermont is chairman of the entire committee. William Allen White, editor of "The Emporia (Kansas) Gazette," who resigned as chairman on Jan. 2, is now honorary chairman.

VILLAGE SAVED BY DONKEYS

Two boys climbed into a motor-van, determined to take bread to a foodless village isolated by huge snowdrifts. With five miles to go the van was trapped in a drift. . . .

But the boys got through on donkeys.

They had left the van and had started a hopeless struggle through the snow with a basket of loaves on each arm when they saw the donkeys standing in a field.

Later that day the villagers of Legsby (Lincolnshire), without food for two days, saw donkeys slowly plodding toward them.

The relief of Legsby had begun.

The boys were Dennis Burn, aged seventeen, son of a Market Rasen baker and Geoffrey Dent, his young assistant. They got through at first with forty loaves.

Then, almost all the rest of the day, Dennis and Geoffrey, helped by a farm boy, guided the donkeys back and forward between the stranded van and the village.

All the bread was delivered to Legsby.

The village — it has 200 people — was isolated by the district's worst blizzard in living memory.

Not even the mails got through when the donkeys came to the rescue.

OUR NIGHT VICTORIES

— Pilot Tells King

The leader of a night-fighter squadron told the King: "I think we may be much more successful in the future."

The King and Queen had just had a long talk with Air Marshal W. Sholto Douglas, Commander-in-Chief of the Fighter Command, about the difficulties of intercepting night bombers.

They had a long talk also with Squadron Leader Douglas Bader, the "legless pilot," who introduced members of his squadron to them.

The King noticed pilots of a fighter squadron wearing their tunics with the top button undone — "Just a fad of ours" said the flight commander.

The Queen, glancing at another squadron, asked why they were not doing the same.

"Perhaps it is because they are not as good as we are," the flight commander grinned.

GIRL SHOT DEAD BY BREN GUN

A twenty-year-old Canadian soldier, Charles Thomas Christie, was remanded in custody at Aldershot on a charge of murdering Margaret Wheaton, aged twenty-six.

It was stated that the girl, a domestic servant employed by an Army officer, was looking out of a window in barracks when a Bren gun was fired. She received a bullet wound in the head.

Her home was at a village near Liskeard, Cornwall.



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FINISHING THE JOB

The great storm of war which has burst more furiously over Signor Mussolini, smashing his fleet in the Mediterranean so that it is exceeding doubtful if it will venture to sea again, wresting Keren, Asmara, Harrar and Dire Dawa from him in East Africa so that the doom of his African Empire is clear writ, was not just an accident of a chance meeting or even superior mobility. No more was the blitz raid upon Emden, the effect of which shook even Joseph Goebbels into admitting "comparatively large damage."

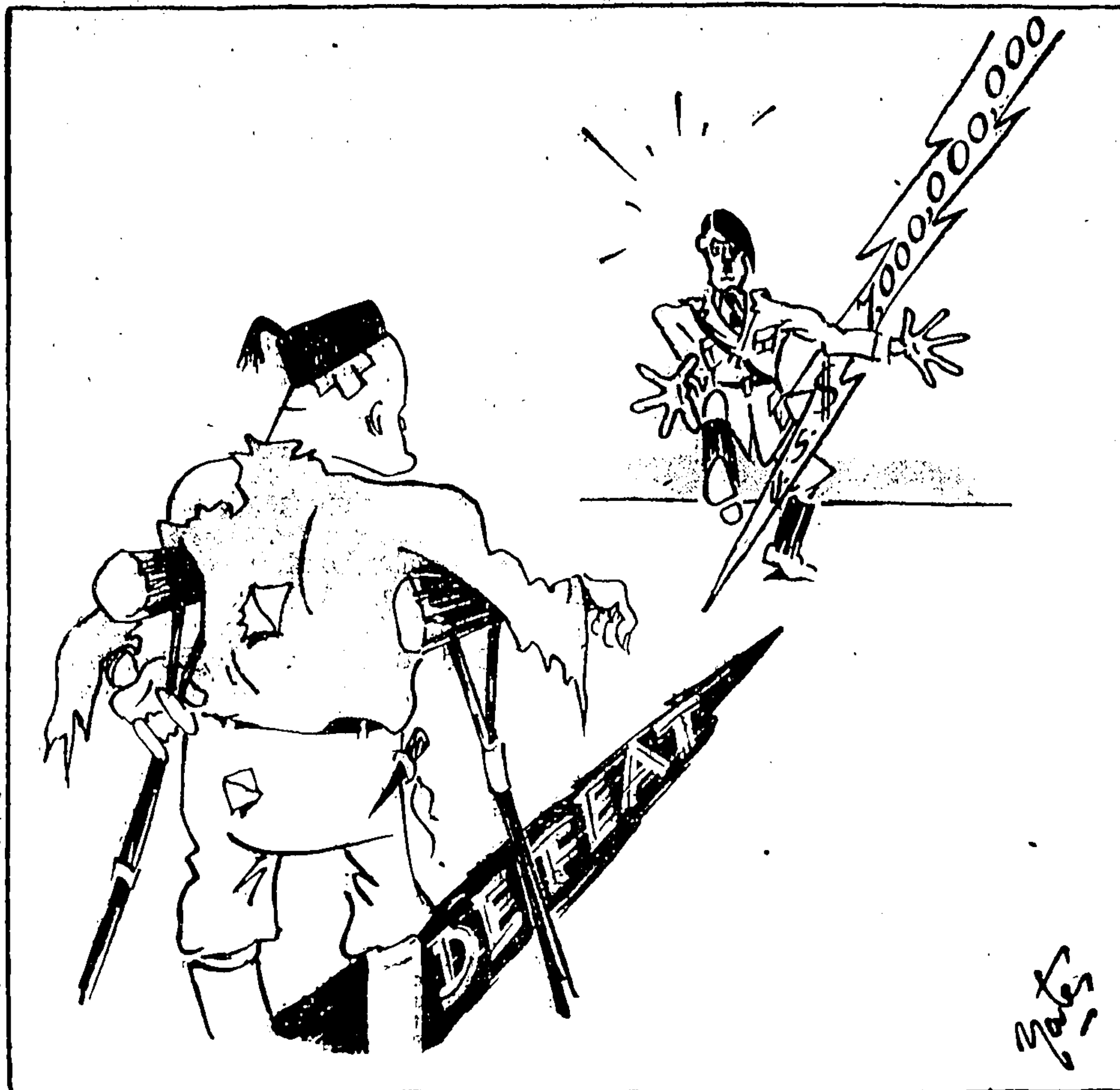
"Give us the tools," said Mr. Churchill, with his formidable emphasis, "and we will finish the job."

Germans having spent a week digesting the Yugoslavian coup and the news of Italy's defeats, and the leaden knowledge having sunk well home, their skies were torn to fury with the night and the finishing of the job was under way before their eyes and above their heads.

For it seems apparent that the arrival in Britain of giant American bombing planes of the Consolidated Liberator type contributed significantly to the crash about Emden of bigger bombs than had ever before fallen upon a German city. Buildings were lifted bodily from their foundations; because celebrated and dreaded long-range bombers were droning overhead.

These bombs shook a people who have been told that no air attack would be allowed to reach them, that Britain is beaten and virtually out of the war, that American aid will not be allowed to reach the British Isles. Yet while this latter part of the fable was being drummed home, the R.A.F. struck its most devastating blow, and with it, gave promise of still heavier blows to come.

The initiative, plainly, is slipping from Hitler's hands. If only America can provide the tools promptly and in sufficient quantity, Britain will finish the job, even sooner perhaps than could at one time be imagined.



ALL WAR SHORT OF AID!

Can Stand Lot More Bombs

Just what the phrase "London had its heaviest raid of the war last night" covers in the way of damage is something that cannot, and will not, be known in detail outside England for weeks.

Reading the dispatches, we know only that the physical damage was considerable and that the casualties, both dead and wounded, were numerous.

The only yardstick by which to judge a big raid is a comparison with the other heavy raids on London.

In one raid, probably the heaviest on the metropolis up to that time, the Germans claimed to have dumped several hundred thousand pounds of bombs on the city. Both German and British sources put the number of planes which hovered over London that night at between 1,000 and 1,500; and they didn't get their money's worth in vital damage done.

Strike In Series Of Waves

Contrary to a popular misconception, this does not mean that 1,500 German planes were over London at one time. The Germans came in a series of waves — each wave comprising only a small number of planes.

Each wave, however, no sooner has unloaded its burden of destruction than the ominous irregular beat of the next wave's engines can be heard approaching. I have stood in the street while a raid was in progress and it seemed from the ground that the planes were coming in with the regularity of subway trains, but far more often.

Incendiaries Then Explosives

The general practice is for the first planes to "drop showers of incendiaries near whatever objectives they happen to be hunting, and the following planes gun for the vicinity of the fires with high-explosive bombs.

To the more or less innocent bystander it quite often seems to develop into a race with the Auxiliary Fire Service working desperately to extinguish the flames before they can guide the next wave of bombers to that objective.

A really heavy raid is at once

one of the most beautiful and one of the most terrifying spectacles imaginable.

Sky Pockmarked With Fire

As the planes approach the London defences, the sky is pockmarked with reddish points of fire where the anti-aircraft shells are bursting. The searchlights cut long white channels through the darkness, and from the ground the

By Frank R. Kent, Jr.

sullen glare of several fires started by incendiaries outlines the antlike figures of the A.F.S. men working heedless of explosives to subdue the flames.

The barking of the guns is almost one continuous roll, and high above is that whirr whirr whirr—the beat of a bombers' engines.

The Climax And The Lull

The sound of the engines gets closer and the guns sound like a pack of deep-throated watchdogs baying furiously at an intruder.

The observer holds his breath waiting for the last note in the symphony of totalitarian war; and then it comes.

There is a sound like an express train getting louder and louder and there is a dull "krump."

Sometimes there are two more, sometimes there is only one. The sound of the plane fades off, and there is a few minutes of comparative silence during which firemen can be heard shouting to each other as they work.

Sometimes Only Silence

If the bomb has fallen very close, you can also hear the clump of heavy shoes as wardens and police run toward the stricken

building and men can be heard calling to each other and to the occupants. "Are you all right?"

Sometimes there is an answer—sometimes there is only silence. Even as they call, shell bursts far away in the night sky give warning of more planes and once again comes the uneven note of bombers' engines.

That, in general, is a picture of what goes on when a heavy raid is in progress.

Armageddon, Then The Dawn

Sometimes the raiders may be concentrating on a relatively small area, sometimes they spread out and several districts will be under fire at the same time. In the thick of the noise, with the reflection of fires glowering in the sky in several quarters the general impression is that Armageddon finally has arrived and London in the morning will be a sea of blackened walls.

With morning, after the all clear has gone, however, you wake up to the familiar sound of buses rumbling through the streets and see the people on their way to work.

They may—and many of them probably have—spent the night in shelters, but they are up and going back to business as usual. You visit the scene of your own particular raid of the night before.

Can Stand A Lot More Of Them

There will be holes gaping in the solid rows of buildings. There will be fire-blackened shells of what once were dwellings or business houses. Here and there a lucky building may be standing with the adjoining structures on both sides reduced to a tumbled heap of rubble.

Undoubtedly the raiders did a lot of damage. Then you look at the traffic seething through the streets, the stream of life carrying on "business as usual."

And you realise that in spite of the thousands of pounds of bombs, in spite of the fires, the gray, stout-hearted old city can stand a lot more of the "heaviest raids of the war" without having the stream of life which is London seriously impaired.

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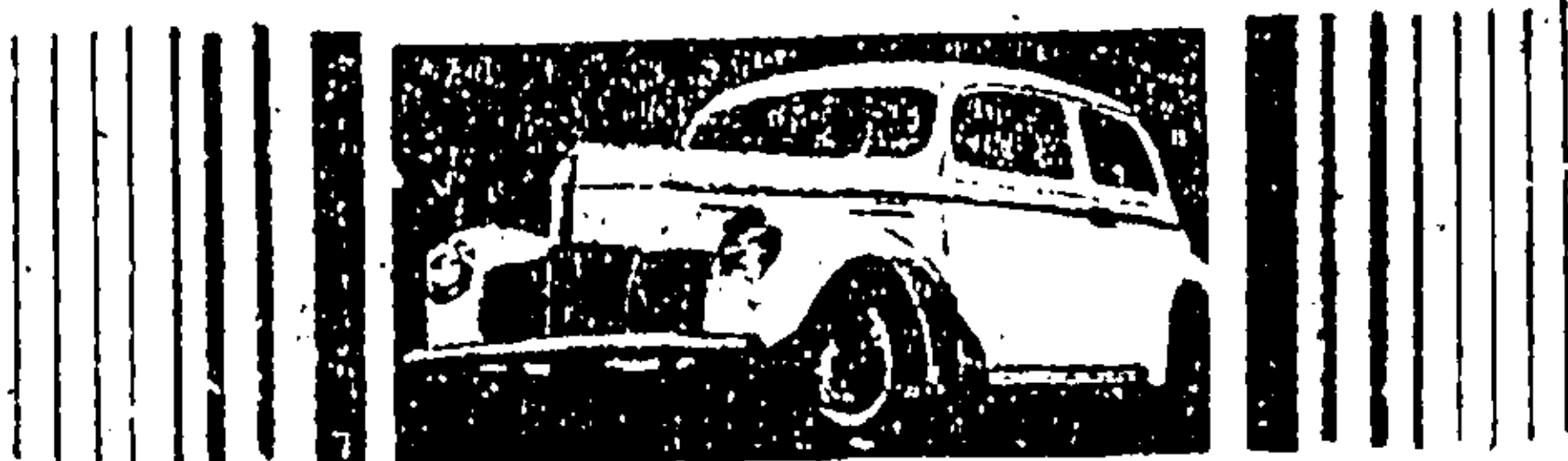
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ITALIANS DESERT IN ABYSSINIA IN LARGE NUMBERS

NAZIS KEEP UP TERROR IN POLAND

(From A Polish Correspondent)

The Nazi oppressors are continuing their campaign of terror and reprisals in Poland.

Mass raids and deportations to concentration camps are carried out constantly.

Many of the victims of the Gestapo are sent to forced labour in Germany, where they are employed at most dangerous work, and under the worst conditions.

Others are sent to concentration camps, where they suffer the most degenerate cruelty.

Must Sign

The most notorious camp is near Oswiecim, near Cracow, on the former Polish-Czech frontier.

Only very few are being released from this camp.

Those who are — because of serious illness or through influential intervention — must sign a declaration that they will never disclose what they have witnessed in the camp.

But horrible facts about the treatment in this camp have been revealed by a man who escaped.

He was arrested in Warsaw during a street raid and imprisoned with others in the riding school of a cavalry regiment.

They were held there for two days, their only food being a small ration of bread and water.

Then they were loaded on cattle trucks which were so crowded that it was impossible to sit down on the floor.

Bread Ration

All they got as food was one day's ration of bread, and the journey to Oswiecim lasted three days.

The conditions in Oswiecim camp are apt to cause the breakdown of any man over 45 within a fortnight.

At road-building work a number of prisoners are harassed to a heavy street-roller and forced to drive it on by terrific beating.

Some of the prisoners are not shod and are forced to drive the roller on the gravel barefooted.

The slightest displeasure of their Nazi masters brings punishment to the prisoners.

LETTERS TO PRISONERS

Three million letters and postcards have so far been forwarded to prisoners of war of all belligerents, according to a report of the Red Cross at Geneva.

The staff of the International Red Cross, which before the war totalled 400 voluntary workers, has been increased to 40,000, states the Swiss radio.

A DRAMATIC SEQUEL TO THE ITALIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM 5,000 SQUARE MILES OF NORTH-WESTERN ABYSSINIA COMES IN MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST OF THE COUNTRY.

In the Maji area, which has been giving the Italians trouble for weeks and where the South African Air Force bombed Italian garrisons some weeks ago, the Italians' prestige has dropped so low and the Emperor Haile Selassie's propaganda has such effect, that Dedjasmach Wolde Yeis, formerly a pro-Italian chief, has gone over to the patriots' cause.

Wolde Yeis, who was sent by the Fascists specially to pacify the area, has not only submitted himself to the Emperor. He has already been in action against the oppressors, killing 10, wounding 13 and capturing 25 rifles. Numbers of Italian posts in the area are now beleaguered.

In Kaffa Province, north of Maji, the Italians are also reduced to a desperate state. Though they gave as one pretext for the invasion of Abyssinia in 1936 their desire to suppress slavery — measures for its abolition had long been vigorously upheld by Haile Selassie — they have now issued in Kaffa a sensational decree re-establishing the practice.

"Enslaved And Sold"

This states that prisoners taken from forces operating against Italian garrisons in Abyssinia may freely be enslaved and sold or otherwise transferred without any legal hindrance — an obvious attempt to bribe those who formerly comprised the slave-owning aristocracy over to their side.

From Wolkait and Agade, in the North-Western Provinces, which have just been evacuated by the Italian garrison, there is news of the Italians' inability to rely on their most "loyal" native chiefs, as in the case of the South-West.

When the Italians walked out they issued to Dedjasmach Sahalli, whom they regarded as friendly to themselves, hundreds of rifles, telling him to maintain order and safeguard their interests till they returned.

Immediately their backs were turned Sahalli turned their own arms on them, and assisted other local patriot chiefs to pursue the retreating Italian columns over the mountains to the east.

Italy's army commanders in East Africa who began the re-

treach from Kassala as a deliberate act of policy are beginning to take their failures in the Eritrean debacle so seriously that they have flung the Italian Guards into the battle line.

This has been revealed by statements by prisoners recently captured by our advanced troops.

One of these prisoners belonged to the Savoy Grenadiers, a crack regiment of the Italian Army. He disclosed that three battalions of Grenadiers had just been sent from Addis in an endeavour to stop the rot.

More light on the extent of the Italian disaster is provided by what occurred during the pursuit of the retreating garrison from Barentu. Sudanese mechanised troops who were following them up in their flight eastward have picked up prisoners, largely European, by the hundred.

Barentu Force**"Finished"**

It is calculated there that the Barentu force, which with three and a half brigades cannot have numbered fewer than 15,000 men, is finished as a fighting force. Staff officers declare that it would be impossible to reconstitute that force under three months and then it would be possible to make only one brigade out of it.

The garrison's plight in its retreat was made worse by the fact that the only route for its withdrawal was a track which runs east through Tole and Tokul to Adl Ugre on the Asmara-Gondar road.

This track is passably good for the first 20 miles out of Barentu, but it then becomes almost impassable for motors. So the Italians have abandoned dozens of vehicles by the roadside, few of which they attempted to destroy, and the dispirited troops were forced to continue the retreat on foot.

FLIER SWEARS REVENGE AGAINST HITLER

STATIONED AT AN R.A.F. bombing aerodrome somewhere in the North of England is a Polish pilot who has sworn personal vengeance on Hitler, Goering, and the whole of the Luftwaffe!

He is known to his co-pilots as the Man-Who-Never-Smiles and the Man Hitler Feels — because of his implacable hatred of everything Nazi.

Six-foot-three, of commanding presence, this Polish pilot sits for hours, day after day, in the pilots' mess, always with the same bitter, unsmiling face.

If his fellow officers speak to him he replies with grave courtesy. But he never jokes, and he never smiles — until the order comes for his squadron to undertake a bombing raid.

Then the Polish flier springs to his feet and smiles — and that smile, his colleagues say, is enough to put the wind up anyone.

The history of this Polish pilot is that before the war he owned estates in his native country, was happily married, and doted on his two baby daughters.

Lucky To Escape

Then the Luftwaffe was loosed on Poland. His home was bomb-

ed, his wife and one of his daughters killed, his estates despoiled. Flying an obsolete machine, the Polish pilot was lucky to escape to fight another day.

He managed to reach England, where, filled with a blind rage against the Nazis, he quickly established a reputation as an efficient and fearless pilot.

He has lost everything that made life worth while for him. He has such bitter memories that he cannot bear to take part in any of the social life of his new colleagues. All he lives for is revenge.

And so this Pole waits day after day, ruthless and implacable, for the order for still another bombing raid.

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BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC: U.S. VIEW

SPORADIC U-BOAT RAIDING IN WATER NEAR NORTH AMERICAN SHORES IS NOT ONLY POSSIBLE BUT PROBABLE; YET IT IS ON ENGLAND'S VULNERABLE WESTERN SEA APPROACHES THAT THE GERMAN NAVY MUST CONCENTRATE IF IT HAS ANY HOPE OF ACHIEVING VICTORY IN 1941.

Whatever the accuracy of reported orders to long-range Nazi submarines to prowl off American coasts and ports in search of victims, the obvious fact is that Germany cannot well spare important units of the undersea fleet for that purpose. They could probably achieve greater results per ship in waters off the coasts of Ireland.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill's disclosure that both German submarines and heavy cruisers have already struck "on the American side of the Atlantic" does not change the situation. He located the westernmost sea incident as on the 42nd meridian of longitude. That is 1,500 miles or so east of New York. It is 1,200 miles outside the 300-mile wide Pan-American neutrality belt fringing the Western Hemisphere from the mouth of the St. Lawrence to Cape Horn.

Would Be Spotted

German raiders penetrating that belt are subject to spotting by American air and sea patrols. Word of their location would be almost certain to reach British ears and set British sea-hunters on their trail. Yet if they stay outside the patrol area and far at sea, their chances of intercepting more than an occasional England-bound cargo craft would be small.

Had Berlin strategists deemed it possible to sway American action on the aid-for-Britain programme, the time for sending U-boats to lurk off New York or other American ports would have been while the lend-lease bill was before Congress, not after it has been enacted. If sea attack on British shipping does come, as it may, in American waters, its main purpose would be for German home consumption. It would be intended to back up Reichsfuehrer Hitler's assertion that American help could not save England.

"Planted?"

It is not impossible that the reported Nazi order to a big U-boat to head westward for that purpose was "planted" by Berlin. The order is supposed to have been sent by radio and to have been intercepted, presumably by the British.

Dissemination of seemingly authentic reports of expansion of the German sea offensive into the American side of the Atlantic might serve Berlin's purposes in another way. In the same speech in London Mr. Churchill again noted that the shipping problem for the British is not almost tonnage losses, heavy as they are; but loss of "fertility of importing power."

By that he meant shipping delays due to round-about courses and the time lost at sea in assembling convoys. Anything that tended further to increase such ship-movement delays and the turn-around of cargo craft shutting the Atlantic would step up that strain on British tonnage.

Note Of Cheer

Even the report of impending U-boat operators in the waters of the American coast might have such an effect. The actual appearance of a Nazi submarine would increase it. It would compel England-bound ships from both Canada and the United States to increase their sea mileage to designated convoy assembly points on the other side.

Mr. Churchill's announcement that a trio of Nazi U-boats had been sunk in a single day was a more cheering note. This, coupled with a drop in admitted shipping losses for the preceding week, suggests that British counter-measures against the Nazi sea attack are proving reasonably effective.

TRAINS HIS TROOPS TO SHUN SLEEP

So fit were men of the Royal Ulster Rifles and the South Lancashires, who have just taken part in infantry manoeuvres, that they carried on from the morning of the attack until the afternoon two days afterwards without sleep.

And they went through the next day on the small amount of food in their haversacks.

That, said the corps commander, was the only way to train men nowadays — so that they could go forty-eight hours without sleep or rest except for what they could snatch at odd moments.

"The soldier," he said, "must be physically, mentally and militarily fit to carry out his tasks. Otherwise it's no good going to war."

He has carried his system of training to the point of insisting that every man in his command, from general to private, shall do a seven-mile cross-country run every week.

"It's Knowing How"

"It pumps the tobacco out of their bellows," he said. "It pumps the gin out of the young officer too much disposed to the 'Let's have the other half sort of thing.'"

About 25,000 men and 3,500 vehicles took part in the manoeuvres.

The success of the general's training methods were evident. Men in the middle of their third day's operations without sleep looked little more than jaded and were still able to go forward without any trouble.

Said the general: "There is nothing impossible — nothing impossible, if only you know how. But you must know how."

And the troops under him certainly do.

HOT WATER IS RATIONED

Because of the strict rationing of heating materials in Alsace, only cold water gushes from most hot water taps.

Hospitals, restaurants, meat markets and some factories may have hot water. Hairdressers are limited to one hot water tap. Associated Press.

GUEST WAS ONCE BURGLAR

A general, a murderer, two bishops, and an ex-burglar were among the 94 people who had luncheon together in London to celebrate the 94th birthday of Prebendary Carlile, head of the Church Army.

The candles on Dr. Carlile's plain Madeira birthday cake were lit by a soldier, a sailor, and an airman.

Dr. Carlile, who has spent his life looking after homeless and down-and-out people, told me: "The murderer and ex-burglar are respectable now."

"We looked after them when they came out of prison, and they have never gone wrong since."

More Work Now

It is 60 years since Dr. Carlile founded the Church Army, and yesterday he said: "There is more work for us than ever, looking after bombed people and visiting shelters."

"I am in excellent health and feel like a galvanised fossil. I am going to help the boys in the Services more than ever. They are a grand lot."

Luncheon was of simple wartime fare. Fish was sent to Dr. Carlile by fishermen friends now minesweeping, the potatoes and turnips were grown by Church Army men, and the apple tart was baked in one of the Church Army homes for girls.

Toasts to the King and Dr. Carlile were drunk in lemonade.

After the luncheon, Dr. Carlile opened an extension to his recreation centre for the Forces, built from an old garage, near Paddington Station.

THIEF HELPED SAVE 50 PATIENTS, GAVE HIMSELF AWAY

THERE IS A London job awaiting 62-years-old James Beddie Young when he has served his six-months sentence in Dundee for theft.

He earned it during a recent night raid in the London area when he crawled from bomb debris with two head wounds and prevented panic among 50 men patients of an institution.

He refused medical attention and urged doctors and nurses to continue treating the wounded while single-handed he calmed a ward of male inmates while bombs still dropped.

His bravery put Scotland Yard on his track and landed him behind bars. He was wanted for stealing £25 10s. from a fellow-lodger in Dundee.

Despite his criminal record, the doctor in charge wants Young back. When he was arrested he offered through the local C.I.D. to pay the man's fine and his fare

back to the institution—and his old job.

"He Was Grand"

Slater Haddock, who worked beside Young after the bomb had dropped, said: "He was grand. When the bomb dropped he was reading a newspaper in the sitting-room."

"Somehow he managed to crawl out from under the debris. He had two cuts in his head which were bleeding badly, but he carried on and calmed a whole ward of men patients."

"He came to us about two months ago as a male nurse from Dundee. We will be glad to have him back despite his record."

When Young was convicted of the theft he said nothing about his rescue work.



"Couldn't keep my eye on the ball to-day!"

"Never mind, you can tell this whisky blindfold."

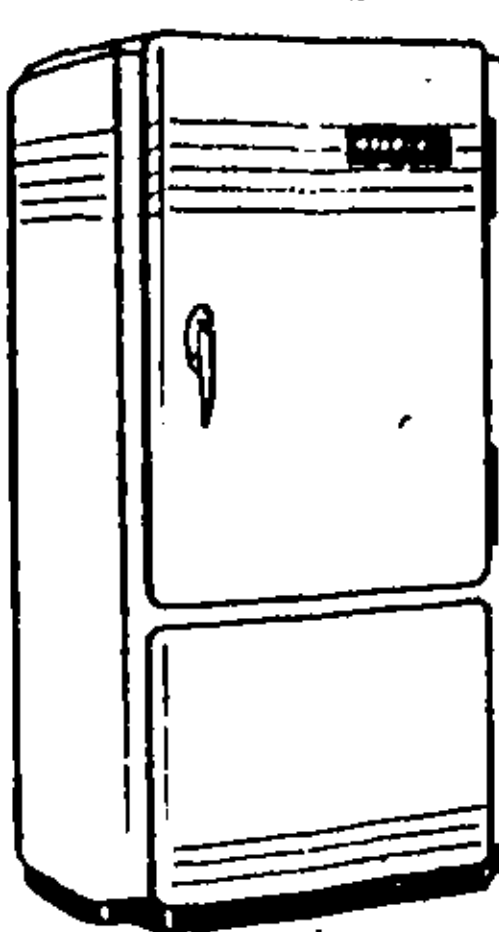
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

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Notice to Shareholders

The THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on TUESDAY, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers.
24th March, 1941.

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The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON, Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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1 Hand Sewing Machine.
1 Set Table Glass.
1 "Westinghouse" Refrigerator.
1 "Kelvinator" Refrigerator (in good condition).

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LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers,
Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 7th day of April, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	2846	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2846	N. S. E. W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	
		Un Chau Street between New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1146 and 2126, Cheung Sha Wan		About 4,800.	\$66.	\$2,300.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE

THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING, 1941

Races Nos. 7 and 11—Coolgardie Stakes

Attention is drawn to the conditions of the above races, which should read as follows:—
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Ponies that are entered for this race are barred from entering for the Rosehill Stakes, Races Nos. 5 or 8 on the 1st Day.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Crime Doesn't Pay!

No. 37

By The Four Aces

To-day's crime hand isn't much of a problem, but it's the most amusing hand we've seen in months:

South, Dealer	Neither side vulnerable
♠ K Q 10 9 2	♥ A Q J 4
♦ 8 2	♣ Q 9
♠ 7 6 5 3	♥ 6 5
♦ 6 4 3	♣ 8 7 4 2
♠ N	♥ A J 4
♦ W	♥ K 10 9 8
♣ S	♦ Q J 10 5
♠ 8	♥ 7 2
♦ A K 9 7	♣ A K J 10 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♠	2♥
4♣	Pass	4♥	Dbl.
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the six of hearts, and South wished he hadn't over-

bid so much. But, as though he hadn't a care in the world, he finessed dummy's heart Jack. East took the King of hearts and went into a long huddle. Certainly, he reasoned, South must be void of spades

to bid the slam and lose the first trick so blithely. South must therefore have a lot of diamonds; so East returned a trump to prevent South from ruffing too many diamonds in the dummy.

All of this reasoning was a bit silly for the simple reason that South undoubtedly knew the location of the spade Ace. So if South had no spades, he would ruff out the Ace and set up dummy's long suit. East's only real chance was to lay down the spade Ace and hope for the best; and that play would, of course, have defeated the Slam.

What actually happened was much more interesting. When East returned a trump, South heaved a sigh of relief and ran all six trumps. Dummy discarded a diamond and three spades, but East found himself in trouble. He came down to the lone Ace of spades and three diamonds but dared not make any further discards in those suits, so had to discard a second heart. Thereupon South led his heart to cash three heart tricks in the dummy; and the last heart trick squeezed East once more!

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

42	♠	7 5 3	
or	♥	K 4 2	
n-	♦	K 8 6	
ce,	♣	A 10 5 2	
ile			
1-			
	The bidding:		
be	Schenken	Jacoby	You
tie	1♥	1♠	2♥
	4♥	4♠	(?)

ANSWER: Double. Your balanced hand leads you to believe that you will not have a particularly good play for five hearts but should beat four spades with top cards in the side suits. Failure to double makes your partner guess what action to take; and he doesn't know what type of hand you hold.

Score 100% for double, 40% for pass, 20% for five hearts.

Question No. 681

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, and you hold:

♠ 7 5 3	♥ K 4 2		
♦ 8	♣ K J 5 3 2		
The bidding:			
Jacoby	Schenken	You	Ma
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
4♥	4♠	(?)	
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)			

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Gold digging Gertie says the bigger the stone the harder she falls.

STOLE AFTER RAID ORDEAL

Day after day the father of six children haunted the ruins of a bombed air-raid shelter. He was searching for the body of his motherless daughter, aged sixteen.

He search in vain.

Then he learned that the girl could not have been there on the night the shelter was hit.

Distracted, he toured the London hospitals until the police found her living elsewhere.

But the days and nights of anxiety had temporarily unbalanced his mind.

He stole a postal packet containing £2 10s.

At West London Police Court the man—John Thomas Nolan, aged forty-eight, a postman, of Braybrooke Road Hammersmith—was bound over and placed on probation.

It was stated that since the death of his wife eight years ago Nolan had been both mother and father to his family.

The Magistrate, Sir Gervais Bentoul, accepted Nolan's plea that his ordeal had unhinged his mind.

"Under the circumstances, I am not going to impose a sentence of imprisonment as it might otherwise have been my duty to do," said Sir Gervais.

"You have of course, been punished by losing a good job."

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Do you suffer with your stomach? Do you know the agony of wind, indigestion and stomach sickness? If so, read the letter below, and follow the good advice it contains.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Vitamin C Easily Destroyed

Vitamin C is vital to the health of the blood vessels, it favours good bone and tooth formation, and cooperates with other vitamins in building defence against infection and bacterial poisons. It stimulates growth through increased appetite.

A lack of sufficient Vitamin C may be detected through very pale or bleeding gums; poor resistance to infections including colds; defective, soft teeth; tender joints and digestive disturbances.

Vitamin C is found abundantly in these foods: red peppers, green peppers, horseradish, parsley, kohlrabi, collards, liver, turnip greens, watercress, spinach and tomatoes.

It is found in appreciable amounts in these foods: grapefruit, lemon, orange and pineapple juices; brussels sprouts, average cabbage, cauliflower, gooseberries, yellow dried peaches, radish, green peas, turnips, cantaloupe, asparagus, tangerines, strawberries, raspberries, bananas and apples.

Protect Vitamin C Foods

As you scan the above list of foods you will see that most foods containing Vitamin C may be eaten raw—and they should be eaten raw in juice form or as salads. It has been discovered that Vitamin C is quickly destroyed through cooking and by storing as air attacks it. Try to eat the fruits and vegetables listed soon after you get them from the market or your diet will be sadly deficient in Vitamin C.



Any woman's smile is great enhanced by a set of strong, white teeth. HELEN PARRISH must have been fed sufficient Vitamins by an intelligent parent!

A large portion of Vitamin C is lost when foods are canned—some remains however, if canning is done under partial vacuum. Do not discard the water from Vitamin C canned foods.

How It Is Concentrated

If your own common sense convinces you that you might benefit by a larger supply of Vitamin C, you should include foods containing it in two of every three meals. If your physician determines that you are woefully lacking this valuable Vitamin, you may take it in concentrated form. However, abundant fresh fruit juices and fresh vegetables juices (extracted by a juicer), or fruit and vegetable salads, are the best method of giving nature a hand and should be tried first. Persons who suffer constantly with colds have found sufficient Vitamin C to be the cure. Every housewife should acquaint herself with the new hand or electric juicers which separate the juice from the pulp of any vegetable or fruit. With few exceptions the entire vegetable and fruit (including skin) should be put into the juicer after washing thoroughly. Valuable nourishment is contained in most skins.

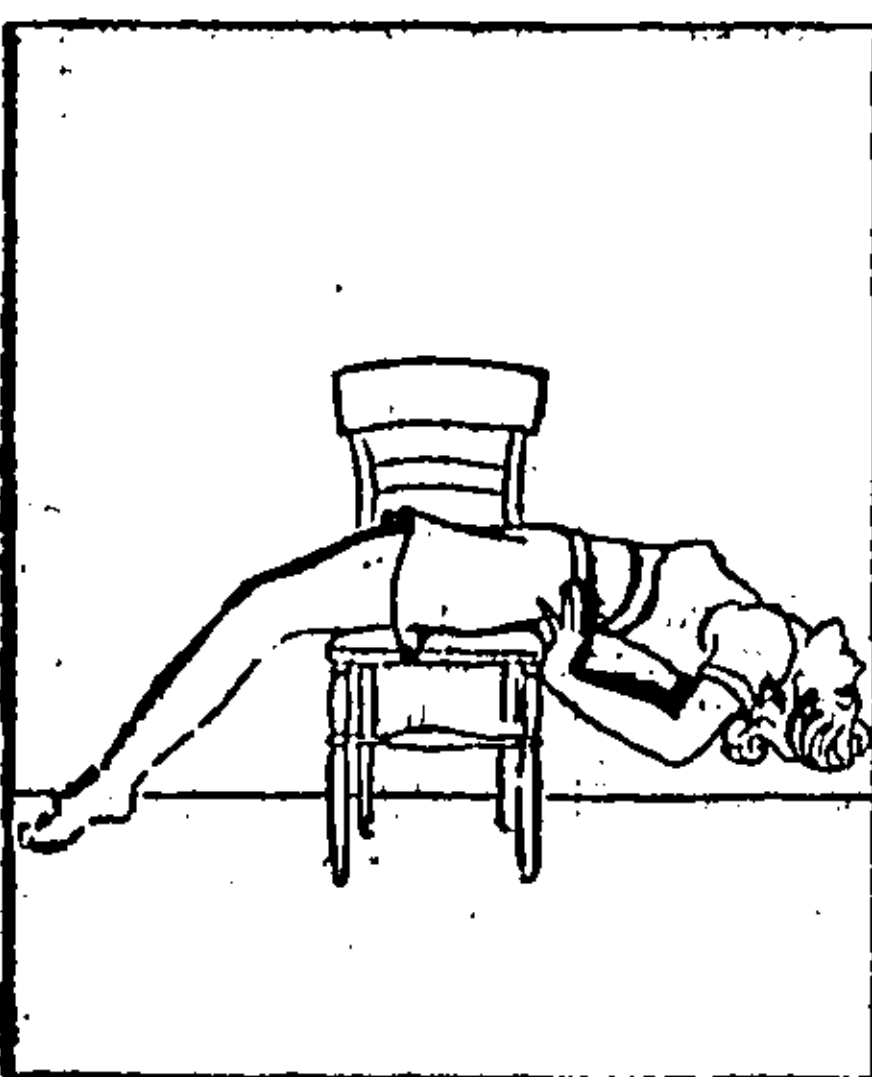
hard mattress, or on a softer mattress supported by four-inch wide slats. The slats are placed about eighteen inches apart, across the bed. They prevent the mattress from sagging and thus your spine gets better support throughout the night. No person interested in good health should sleep on a soft or feather mattress.

Another cardinal rule to follow is—do not slouch when you walk or stand. Your spine desires to be held erect. If you stand in good posture with abdomen drawn in and up, shoulders back though relaxed, head nicely balanced on tip of spine, and buttocks tucked under you will sense a relief from fatigue. While shopping or working about the house, pause a moment to stand in good posture and it will amaze you how quickly fatigue will banish. If you can breathe in fresh air for a moment or two as you thus stand, a physical well-being will be experienced.

Limber & Strengthen Spine

If your backbone doesn't respond to your bidding you are bound to have aches and pains. Your normal, healthy posture depends upon a limber and strong spine and if you suffer backaches the chances are your spine needs exercise and perhaps a new mattress!

Let's test the flexibility of your spine first. Place a straight back chair or bench in the centre of the room. Lie across it (as illustrated).



Stiff spines can be limbered by this simple back-bending exercise.

trated) so your sacrum rests on the seat. Your upper spine is free of the chair and so are your legs from knees down.

Place your hands on your hips and KEEPING YOUR FEET TOUCHING FLOOR lower your head toward floor slowly. Bend down as far as you can and then slowly rise to sitting position. Rehearse five times first day and add one count each day following. In a few days you should be able to touch the floor with your head, and rise very, very slowly to a sitting position.

At first, unless you are most flexible, you will have to help yourself up to the sitting position. Later, all aid is taboo! This exercise, incidentally, is splendid for strengthening the abdomen muscles too.

How Do You Sleep?

Many weak-spined persons have found great relief from back aches after sleeping a few nights on a



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Sandakan	Apr. 5.
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Java and Manila	Apr. 7.
Canton	Apr. 8.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 21st March)	Apr. 11.
Rangoon	Apr. 11.
Calcutta and Straits	Apr. 12.
Australia and Manila	Apr. 14.
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Mantovani & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Meet Me Down in Sunset Valley, Sunday in the Park; Slow Fox-Trot—There goes my Dream; Quickstep—You've done something to my heart (from "Lights" up); Fox-Trots—My Heaven in the Pines, Have You Ever Been in Heaven?; Quickstep—Could Be; Fox-Trot—The Pretty Little Quaker Girl; Waltz—Little Sir Echo.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Variety with Florence Desmond, Jack Warner and Tommy Handley.

Comedian—I Didn't Order 'A Eit It; Somebody's Asked Me... Jack Warner, Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 7—Intro; Haunting Me; Jump on the Wagon; When Day is done... Charlie Kunz, Impersonations—A Hollywood Bridge Game—Intro; Jimmy Durante, Zasu Pitts, Lupe Velez and Mae West... Florence Desmond, Piano—Alligator Crawl (Waller); Viper's Drag (Waller); "Fats" Waller, Comedian—Who Is That Man...?; The Night That We Met in a Black-out... Tommy Handley with Piano acc.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan.

"Ruddigore"—Overture... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent; Fair Is Rose as Bright May-Day... Alice Moxon and Chorus of Girls; My Boy, You May Take It From Me... George Baker & Derek Oldham; If Well His Suit Has Sped... Chorus of Girls; In Sailing O'er Life's Ocean Wide... Muriel Dickson, Derek Oldham & George Baker; Cheerily Carols the Lark... Nellie Brierclyffe (Sop.).

"The Pirates of Penzance"—Pour, O Pour, The Pirate Sherry... Stuart Robertson & Male Chorus; When Fredric Was a Little Lad... Dorothy Gill; Stay, We Must Not Lose Our Senses... Derek Oldham and Chorus of Girls; Hold, Monsters!... E. Griffin, George Baker, Stuart Robertson and Chorus; I Am The Very Model of A Modern Major General... George Baker and Chorus.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quickstep—Little Boy Bubbles; 6/8—Entente Cordiale... Jack "Trump" Doyle & His Aces of Rhythm; Fox-Trots—A Small Cafe by Notre Dame; A Little Rain Must Fall... Joe Loss & His Band; Tango—By The Black Sea... George Boulanger & His Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Boogie Boogie; Patty Cake, Patty Cake... The Six Swingers; Waltz—I Love Thee; Waltz—Children of Spring... Harry Horlick & His Orch.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Meet Uncle Sam".

7.30 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—Ida, Sweet as Apple Cider (Leonard)... Bing Crosby with Instrumental acc. Orch.—Tito; Java Accordion; Joli Pinson—Polka... L'Accordeoniste Deprince & His Orchestra; Vocal—I've Got A Pain In My Sawdust (Warner); Polly-Wolly-Doodle (from "The Littlest Rebel")... Mae Questal (The Betty Boop Girl) with Orchestra; Vocal—Home on the Range (Gulon)... Bing Crosby with Orchestra; Piano-Accordeon Band—All Pals Together... London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal; Vocal—Brother, Can You Spare A Dime (Harburg & Gorney)... Bing Crosby with Orchestra; Piano-Accordeon Band—Let The Curtain Come Down (Neyman)... London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal... Vocal—Swing, Mister Charlie (Brooks & Others)... Judy Garland with Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Hawaiian Guitar Solos. Charm of Hawaii (Bordin); Hawaii March (Bordin)... Gino Bordin with accompaniment; Bebe D'Amour (Shelton & Brooks); Tango Delle Rose (Bottero)... Serge Krotkoff with accompaniment. An Old Ha-

PENSION RISE FOR SEAMEN

Merchant Navy men and fishermen are to receive the rates of compensation paid to those of equivalent ranks of the Royal Navy.

An amended scheme for pensions and allowances was revealed at Cardiff by the Minister of Pension, Sir Walter Womersley.

Allowances may be paid to the family of a captured mariner while he is detained by the enemy, and the scheme also applies to members of the fishing fleet, pilotage and light vessel services.

Under a special arrangement between the shipowners and the State, surviving masters, officers and men of ships lost or wrecked will be eligible for full wages for one month following the loss of the vessel.

As soon as notification is received of the loss of a vessel shipowners will be approached for information so that applications from widows or other dependants may at once be invited.

Questioned about the speeding up of pensions and allowances for the victims of bombing raids at home, the Minister revealed that members of his department have been specially designed to rush to "blitzed" towns to investigate claims immediately.

wallian Guitar (Leon & Towers)....

Len Fillis with Piano.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band and

Ninon Vallin (Soprano).

Theatre Memories—The Gaily—Intro: When I Marry Amelia; Queen

of My Heart; A Little bit of string;

Bedella; Mary; Brighton; They

Wouldn't Believe Me; 365 Days;

Song of the Vagabonds; Every Woman

Thinks She Wants to Wander;

Rocking with you... Debroy Somers

Band with Chorus; Dolores (Wald-

teufel)... Ninon Vallin (Soprano)

with Orchestra; "Casanova"—Selection

(J. Strauss)... Debroy Somers

Band with Vocal Chorus by Dan

Donovan; Veux—Tu Partir Un

Jour? (Adaptation of Tango—Al-

beniz); Berceuse De Jocelyn (Go-

dard)... Ninon Vallin (Soprano)

with Piano and Cello; Ballroom

Waltz Memories—Intro: The Skat-

ters; The Choristers; The Cuckoo;

After the Ball... Debroy Somers

Band.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of

the Hour".

9.30 p.m.—A Saint-Saens Programme.

Introduction Et Rondo Capriccioso.

Op. 28... Renee Chemet (Violin)

with Piano acc.; Le Cygne... Leslie

Jeffries & His Orchestra; Softly

Awakes My Heart (from "Samson &

Delilah")... Maria Olczewska (Con-

tralto) with Orchestra; Septet, Op.

65 — Preambule-Menuet-Intermede-

Gavotte and Finale... M.M. Foveau

(Trumpet), Cantrelle (1st Violin),

Bellanger (2nd Violin), Vieux (Vio-

la), Marneff (Cello), Nanny (Dou-

ble-bass) and Faure (Piano).

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short

Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of

Many Things".

10.15 p.m.—Gounod's "Faust" Act III.

Characters and Soloists in order of

their appearance: Siebel, Village

Youth... Doris Vane (Soprano);

Faust... Heddle Nash (Tenor); Me-

phistopheles... Robert Easton (Bass);

Marguerite... Miriam Licette (So-

prano); Martha, Marguerite's Friend

... Muriel Brunskill (Contralto); with

Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the

Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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BREAK INTO CELL, SAVE PRISONER

WITH PICKS, bars and sledge hammers, a police superintendent and a prison officer toiled for three and a half hours, breaking through the wall of a cell to rescue a prisoner trapped in the bombing of Walton Prison, Liverpool.

Henry Frederick Shimmings, Wickham, A.R.P., who when one of his men were gassed, entered a tunnel of debris to reach a trapped woman.

The longest flight any aircraft of the squadron has so far made was on Poland's day of Independence, when Danzig was visited. The aircraft which made this flight was in service when war broke out; on the way out the crew met electrical storms and had to contend with icing; as a whole the flight was one of the most severe tests to which the squadron has ever been put.

He volunteered to control a fire which threatened the ammunition store, and drove the station crane from its partially demolished garage — although the petrol tank of the crane was punctured and petrol was pouring towards the fire.

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ENGINEERS WIN TITLE

Air Force Third Division Championship Chances Are Jeopardised

SMALL UNITS CRICKET

YOUNG, MARTIN AND LOGAN GIVE R.A.S.C. GOOD START IN FINAL

AS THE RESULT of brilliant bowling by Young and Martin, and a big innings by Logan, Royal Service Corps were in a strong position in the Army Small Units cricket final against Fifth A.A. Regiment, at the end of the first day's play yesterday.

The Gunners batted first and although their team included Lieuts. T. A. and J. L. C. Pearce, they fared very poorly against the deadly bowling of Young and Martin. The first four wickets put on 60 runs but the remaining six then fell for the addition of only six!

Young took his last three wickets in the course of six balls for no runs and Martin finished with 4 for 3 to return an analysis of 5 for 15.

R. A. S. C. passed their opponents' total with two wickets down and at close of play had scored 157 for 7. Logan completely dominated the scoring and was most unfortunate to be dismissed when only two short of his century. He was cautious at the outset — he had to be — but later he opened his shoulders and hit freely. He found the boundary on 14 occasions.

T. A. Pearce bowled very steadily and so far has taken 3 for 36 in 14 overs.

5TH A.A.				
Capt. Barker, l.b.w., b Young	23			
Dobinson, b Dewar	28			
T. A. Pearce, st. Hamlen, b Martin	18			
Barsby, st. Hamlen, b Martin	7			
J. L. C. Pearce, c Logan, b Young	7			
Clague, l.b.w., b Young	0			
Passmore, l.b.w., b Martin	0			
Martin, b Martin	0			
Morgan, b Martin	0			
McCadden, b Young	0			
Sidders, not out	0			
Extras (LB2)	2			
Total	60			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dewar	8	1	35	1
Young	4	4	14	4
Martin	6	2	15	5

R.A.S.C.				
Logan, c T. A. Pearce, b Clague	98			
Young, run out	8			
French, b T. A. Pearce	4			
Hamlen, st. McCadden, b T. A. Pearce	4			
Benford, b Barsby	8			
Howell, c T. A. Pearce, b Dobinson	8			
Dewar, c Passmore, b T. A. Pearce	8			
Martin, not out	10			
Gover, not out	6			
Extras (B5, LB1)	6			
Total (for 7 wickets)	157			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Passmore	3	0	17	0
T. A. Pearce	14	1	36	3
Clague	10	0	58	1
Barsby	5	0	35	1
Dobinson	3	0	7	1

CHOY TO PLAY P.K. HOOL ON SATURDAY

The Finals of the Intra-University Badminton Tournaments will be played off on Saturday commencing at 2 p.m. at the Eu Tong-sen Gymnasium.

All the matches promise to be close and exciting affairs.

The best game should be between K. W. Choy, the brilliant newcomer from Malaya, and P. K. Hool, former Colony triple title-holder.

This will be the first time that Choy will meet really serious opposition.

Following is the programme:

MEN'S SINGLES

K. W. Choy v P. K. Hool.

MEN'S DOUBLES

T. T. Ohn and C. Y. Lee v K. B. Low and P. K. Hool.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss S. Patashinsky and Miss M. Fatima v Miss Li Wai-kuen and Miss L. Chow.

MIXED DOUBLES

Miss K. J. Hung and K. W. Choy v Miss L. Chow and H. P. Chew.

Exhibition Matches

MIXED DOUBLES

Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira v

ST. JOHN'S BEAT K.C.C.

By "Adrem"
At Club de Recreio last night, St. John's by virtue of a 6-3 victory over Kowloon Cricket Club, qualified to meet Chung Wah in the "B" Division Inter-Sectional Badminton League play-off.

For a match of this description the standard was exceptionally low and few games provided very much of interest. Mistakes were made freely by both sides and lengthy rallies were few and far between.

In the absence of R. Maynard, G. W. Giffen was brought into the Cathedral team to partner G. Ladd, but this apart, both teams were at full strength.

St. John's relied upon two pairs to carry them through and these players did not fail. Eardley and David Kwok, although making dreadful mistakes at times, were never really extended, the terrific smashing of the former and the speed and forecourt accuracy of Kwok proving unbeatable.

Kwok was inclined to assume more of the exchanges than was necessary and this threw the pair out of balance on many occasions.

Norman Smith was the finest player on view on either side. His speed and recoveries combined with a decisive smash and delicate forecourt game, offset

CAPT. C.H.R. HYDE BADLY BEATEN IN SERVICES REVOLVER CHAMPIONSHIP

THE ANNUAL Hong Kong Rifle Association prize meeting continued at Kowloon Rifle Range yesterday in favourable weather, although the standard was again not very high.

The major event of the day was the Deliberate Competition, in which seven scores of 23 were returned. No fewer than 207 men participated.

In the individual services revolver championship, Captain Hyde, of Manchester Regiment, who has been the holder for the last two years, could only finish seventh, the event being won by Capt. G. C. Dawson, of the 1st Middlesex Regiment, with the score of 88. Nalk Deosaran Singh, of 5/7th Rajputana Rifles, scored 84 points. 17 competitors took part in the event.

H.M.S. Tamar won the fair play competition, while the Company team match was not completed yesterday owing to a late start and will be decided this morning.

Following were yesterday's results with scores in the bracket: Deliberate Competition (Open Prize):—1. Ghulam Mohamed, H.K.F., (28) or Mne. Crofts, R.M.,

Miss U. Khan and P. S. Sun.

MEN'S SINGLES

M. P. Young v S. L. Yong.

any weaknesses in Wilson's game, although the latter also played creditably.

Ladd and Giffen played pluckily but were outclassed.

First Pair Off Form

Wynter-Blyth and Fisher, the K.C.C. No. 1 pair, did not do as well as was expected. The latter took a long time to settle down, in the first game against Kwok and Eardley, who ran into a long lead. Later Fisher played very well and played a big part in the late recovery which enabled the pair to finish with 15 aces.

Against Smith and Wilson, Fisher and Wynter-Blyth were completely demoralised by Smith's smashing and they did not do themselves justice.

The other two K.C.C. pairs were very erratic and showed little combination, all four players being well below normal form.

St. John's led 2-1 after the first round; 4-2 after the second, and won the match at 5-2.

Following were the scores:—

(K. C. C.)

P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher.

lost to H. C. Eardley and D. Kwok 15-21

beat G. W. Giffen and G. S. Ladd 21-2

lost to N. L. Smith and P. Wilson 11-21

J. L. Anderson and E. Zimmermann. (K. C. C.)

lost to Eardley and Kwok 10-21

beat Giffen and Ladd 21-5

lost to Smith and Wilson 12-21

H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest. (K. C. C.)

lost to Eardley and Kwok 11-21

beat Giffen and Ladd 21-7

lost to Smith and Wilson 12-21

K.C.C. Teams

Kowloon Cricket Club senior team will play their last League cricket match on Saturday, against Civil Service C.C. D. Hung will be back from Shanghai in time to play.

The team is:—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, A. Zimmermann, F. R. Zimmermann, E. F. Fincher, D. Hung, R. E. Lee, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge and N. A. E. Mackay. Umpire J. P. Robinson; Scorer T. M. Carr.

The second eleven, who were unable to finish their match against Civil Service juniors on Saturday will try to reach a decision this Saturday and will travel to Happy Valley for that purpose. Their team will be:—S. A. Gray, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, E. Curtis, W. L. Rapley, R. J. Fenton, H. Brookshire, G. E. Taylor, W. C. Hung, G. A. Goodwin and F. Goodwin. Umpire, R. Leigh; Scorer and reserve, E. R. Burch.

Shield Finalists Bow To Royals

By "Referee"

THE WINNING of the Second Division title by Engineers, as the result of an easy win over Sing Tao, the defeat of Royal Navy, one of the senior Shield Finalists at the hands of Royal Scots and the Air Force's lapse in Third Division—which may cause a play-off for the title with Signals—when they were held to a draw by 36th Royal Artillery, were the outstanding features of yesterday's football games.

Air Force dropped a very valuable point when they were held to a one-all draw at Happy Valley in their postponed game against 36th Royal Artillery after being in arrears at the interval.

Air Force were well served by two good backs in Edmunds and Hemley and it was the good work of these two that prevented Gash from being unduly troubled. They proved the greatest obstacle to the Gunners' forwards. In the pivotal position Berry also played well. He kept his forwards well supplied with passes and was always up to assist them. Neither of his wing halves assisted the attack much but did well on the defensive.

Ho Kar-keung was slow in the attack though he was seen in several good movements. Bartlett and Mansfield were the better wing combination and the latter often covered ground quickly but did not centre too well.

Good Wingers

Both the Gunners' wingers, Burgess, on the right and Goodwin, on the left, were fast and were the source of continual danger to Air Force defence. Jones in the centre-forward berth required constant watching and it was fortunate that both Edmunds and Hemley, the opposing backs, were in form.

Evans played a hard game in the centre-half berth while Ainsworth generally had the better of Goodwin, the right-winger. Gwyther and Todd were safe backs while Waller brought off some good saves particularly in the second half.

Gunners scored early in the game through Burgess and held that lead till the interval. Bartlett equalised for Air Force early in the second half.

Air Force—Gash, Hemley, Edmunds, Connolly, Berry, Pelling, Goodwin, Richardson, Ho Kar-keung, Bartlett and Mansfield.
36TH R.A.—Waller, Gwyther, Todd, Weidrick, Evans, Ainsworth, Burgess, Whitmore, Jones, Doehard and Goodwin.

ROYAL NAVY LOSE

Royal Scots beat Royal Navy by 3 goals to 1 at Sookunpoo yesterday in the First Division.

In the first half, Navy had full share of the play and after the forwards had indulged in some nice movements, Hendy ran through on his own to score the first goal. At this stage, the whole Naval team were playing grand football, the defence keeping the Scots' forwards well in check, while their own forwards were continually shooting.

In the second half, the Scots' team improved greatly, and after Hossack had equalised through a penalty, Aud added two quick goals, both of which were headed into the net.

Navy tried hard to reduce the arrears, but the stout defence of the Scots held them back.

ROYAL NAVY—Gill, Roughley, O'Regan, Paul, Hazard, Layhe, Wharmby, Le Page, Hendy, Barber and Hawkins.

ROYAL SCOTS—Bankier, Naysmith, Fraser, Adamson, Parnaby, Marshall, Hossack, James, Auld, Munro and Gilroy.

Sappers Win Title

Royal Engineers won the Second Division Championship when they convincingly beat Sing Tao by 3 goals to 1 at Sookunpoo yesterday. Engineers' defence kept the happy Chinese forwards from attacking and as a result Moxham, in goal, had little to do.

Fox opened the score for the Engineers five minutes from the start and there was no further scoring in the first half.

On resumption, Engineers scored through Li Wai-lam and in a raid, the Chinese replied through Tam Woon-cheung. A few minutes later Birrell made the game safe with a well-placed goal.

ROYAL ENGINEERS—Moxham, Palmer, Tam Chung-pak, Chan Ying-kuen, Shaw, Taylor, Li Wai-lam, Birrell, Fox, Peilham, F. Jones.

SING TAO—Yee U-tak, Kwok Ping-tong, Richard King, Shin Yau-san, Lau Tin-ah, Tam Chun-fai, Chu Kam-sing, Shiu Din-lim, Fung Kwai-shing, Tam Moon-cheung, Cheong Moon-wing.

30TH R.A. BEAT POLICE

At Boundary Street, 30th Royal Artillery beat Police in Second Division by the only goal scored, by Webber in the first half.

Gunners were the better team and most of the play was in Police half. The Police were weak in front of goal and their finishing poor.

Tate, Tuckley and Guille were outstanding for Gunners, while Hogart and Bodie were the best of the Police players.

SHIELD FINALS SATURDAY WEEK

At the meeting of the League Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association, yesterday it was decided that the Finals of the Shield competitions will be played on Saturday, April 12 on Navy ground.

The Champions versus Rest game will be played on Monday, April 14 at Caroline Hill, after which the trophies of the various divisions will be distributed.

The Final game of the Governor's Cup Competition will be played on C.ub ground on Saturday, April 19.

The following have been chosen to represent The Rest against South China (First Division champions):

Bankier, Roughley and Blackburn; Freshwater, Hsu King-seng and Thomas; Fowler, Fung King-cheung, Hendy (Capt.), Barber and Hau Ching-to.

Reserves:—Lapsley, Fraser, Bright, Maxwell, Soong Ling-sing, Lepage, Howlett, Ferrier and Reirsen.

SOCCER INTERPORT

At the meeting of the League Management Committee held yesterday evening it was decided to send invitations to the following players to participate in the annual Interport soccer match with Macao which is to take place in the Portuguese Colony on April 20.

Fowler, Rietsen, Blackburn, Pope, Howlett, Ferrier, Maxwell, Lapsley, Lee Wai-tong (Capt.), Cheong Wing-chol, Tsang Chung-wan, Fung King-cheung, Soong Ling-sing, Hsu King-sing and Hau Ching-to.

SAINTS ENTERING TWO TEAMS

St. Andrew's Ladies are entering two teams in the seven-a-side hockey tournament on Saturday and the teams, which have not yet been nominated, will be chosen from the following: Miss J. Hall, Miss M. de Rosa, Miss G. White, Miss J. Wong, Miss P. Lang, Miss B. Greaves, Miss L. Cross, Mrs. Wilson, Miss G. Ditty, Mrs. A. Zimmermann, Miss M. Chan, Miss B. Fitzgerald, Miss P. M. and Miss T. Wong.

SIMON ASTOUNDS CRITICS

Big-Hearted Display Against Louis

CHAMPION HIT AND HURT FOR 13 GOOD ROUNDS

RELENTLESSLY PUNISHING his big, youthful foe with murderous blows, Joe Louis, world heavy-weight champion recently successfully defended his title for the 15th time by scoring a technical knock-out over Abe Simon of New York in the 13th round of a title bout set for 20 rounds at the Olympia Stadium, cables Jack Cuddy from Detroit.

Battered and bleeding after providing the champion with the most serious opposition since the Brown Bomber was knocked out by Max Schmeling in 1936, Abe Simon was saved from complete slaughter by Referee Sam Hennessey, who halted the bout.

Simon, heavily punished, was sent crashing to the canvas twice in the fatal 13th round before the referee halted the fight. The big New York youth was game, but he was too weak and groggy to oppose Louis who was bent on making a kill in the 13th round and the referee wisely stopped the bout one minute 20 seconds after the start of the round.

To Meet Again

But in astounding the boxing world by lasting as long as he did, Simon earned the right to meet the "invincible" negro again on May 16.

Mike Jacobs, outstanding boxing promoter, immediately after the fight announced that Louis and Simon would clash in a return bout in New York's Madison Square Garden on May 16. The return fight would be set for fifteen rounds, he said.

Nineteen thousand spectators, a record indoor crowd for Detroit, were flabbergasted as the young New York Hebrew held his own with Louis for a good part of the fight.

The spectators came to see another speedy "execution" by Louis, but stayed to see a young boxer, who only recently climbed into the first ten top heavyweights, hit and hurt Louis and not for a few rounds but for 13 frames.

"Man-Mountain"

Known as "Man-Mountain" because of his size, Simon showed no fear and he waded into his heavy-hitting opponent from the start.

But Louis was too crafty and fast for his powerful foe. Twice before the "unlucky" 13th, Simon ran into deadly blows and sprawled on the canvas for counts. At one time he nearly landed in the press row as Louis hit him a terrific blow and he went half-way through the ropes.

But despite the sledge-hammer blows which he took, Simon weathered the punishment remarkably well and came back for more, mixing it constantly with Louis. —United Press.

P.I. BOXER IN WORLD RANKING

Little Dado of the Philippines is king of all the flyweights. That was the opinion of the National Boxing Association in its annual ranking issued recently.

NBA announced that there was no logical challenger to the heavy-weight title held by Joe Louis, but it listed a group of "outstanding contenders," including Billy Conn. The new NBA ranking follows:

Heavyweight—Joe Louis.
Light-heavyweight—Anton Christophordis.
Middleweight—Tony Zale.
Welterweight—Fritz Zivic.
Lightweight—Sammy Angott.
Featherweight—Pete Scalzo.
Bantamweight—Lou Salica.
Flyweight—Little Dado.

NBA made note of the fact that this was the first time in many years that Henry Armstrong and Lou Ambers were missing in the rankings. Both fighters retired from the ring after suffering a series of defeats recently.

Kul Kong of Honolulu was listed a logical contender for the bantamweight title. —United Press.

STAND COURT TO BE USED

The Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club will be used for the first time this season this afternoon, Tsui Wai-pui being opposed by the promising K. H. Ip, South China A.A. champion.

Following is the programme:—

Open Singles
Tsui Wai-pui v K. H. Ip (Stand Court).
Paul Kong v. Tsui Yan-pui (8).
Club Handicap Doubles
C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (—15.2) v. R. E. Guest and B. G. Fay (—30) or F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (—2/6) (2); D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop (scr.) v. H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth (—15) (4).
Club Handicap: Mixed Doubles
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet (plus 1/6) v. V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair (—4/6) (3).

GOLFING BRITISH PRIME MINISTERS

Winston Churchill is the sixth of a list of British Prime Ministers who have been golfers. Others were Lord Balfour, Lord Oxford, Lloyd George, Bonar Law and Ramsay MacDonald. Law's handicap was only five.

RUMJAHNS' SUCCESS

In the Open Doubles of the tennis tournament yesterday the holders, H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn, were given a good match by their clubmates, I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu, the cousins winning by 7—6, 6—4.

In the only other Open match Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Ip beat B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow, 6—1, 6—3.

Results of Club matches were as follows:

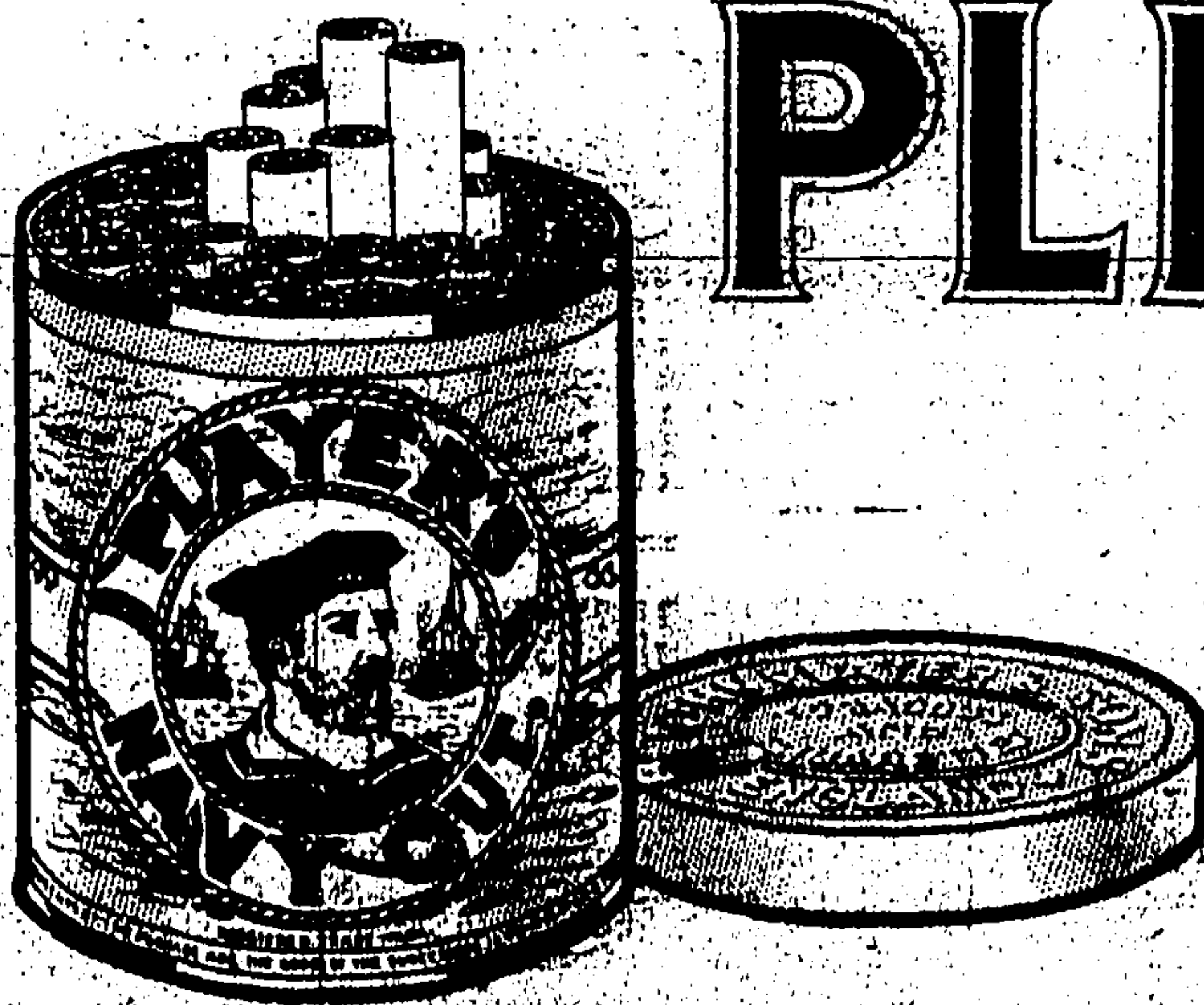
Championship:—H. R. Oxlade beat G. W. Sewell 6—3, 4—6, 7—5; R. E. Guest beat Stirling Lee 6—3, 6—2; M. Pagh beat T. J. Gould 8—6, 8—6.

Handicap Singles:—H. J. Armstrong (—15.3) beat H. van Leeuwen (—2/6) 6—3, 6—3.

As a matter of course —



PLAYER'S PLEASE



"It's the Tobacco that Counts"

MATSUOKA AT VATICAN

U.S. AND MEXICO IN ALLIANCE

United States-Mexican collaboration for defence of the western hemisphere is visualised in a message sent by President Roosevelt yesterday to the Senate.

The message asks the Senate to ratify the new agreement between the United States and Mexico for the reciprocal use of airfields belonging to each nation, which was signed in Washington on Tuesday.

President Roosevelt says the agreement was concluded in view of the exceptional circumstances which have arisen from the present European conflict "and takes into consideration the necessity of ensuring conditions of maximum speed for movements of aviation required in the defence of the American continent."

"Its purpose is to organise substantial and efficient collaboration between the United States and Mexico in preparations for defence of the western hemisphere." — Reuter.

SUGGESTION PREMATURE

"I think we had better just go on mopping up Abyssinia further," said Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Butler was replying to a question whether any invitation had been received from the Negus to take over the administration of any part of Abyssinia.

Mr. Butler emphasised that the

Learns Views Of Pope On Situation

MR. MATSUOKA, THE Japanese Foreign Minister, may visit occupied France on the way home, he revealed yesterday to pressmen at the Villa Madama, in Rome, where he is staying.

Mr. Matsuoka added he would take advantage of his return journey to stay in Germany as a private citizen, as he was anxious to come into closer contact with the population.

He emphasised his intention of personally informing himself of "the true situation in Europe."

Mr. Matsuoka had a further talk with Mussolini after luncheon yesterday in the presence of Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

At the meeting of Mr. Matsuoka and the Pope earlier, only the religious and moral issue was discussed, state Vatican circles.

Mr. Matsuoka said afterwards he was tremendously impressed by the Pope.

Mr. Matsuoka is leaving Rome to-day.

Cordial Talk

The talk between Mr. Matsuoka and the Pope was extremely cordial, Vatican circles confirm.

British Government had no territorial ambitions in Abyssinia. — Reuter.

The Pope set forth his views of the present situation, Mr. Matsuoka listening with great deference and attention.

The Japanese Foreign Minister then gave the Japanese viewpoint.

Before Mr. Matsuoka left, the Pope presented him with a gold medal.

Mr. Matsuoka subsequently talked with Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, for nearly an hour. — Reuter.

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INDIAN CONSTABLE MOBBED

Mobbed by hawkers in Shanghai Street last night, an Indian constable suffered injuries which required that he be sent to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

The arrival of another Indian constable saved the man from further injury.

Several of the hawkers were detained for questioning.

STOP PRESS

The s.s. Fatshan may shortly sail for Canton, the "China Mail" was authoritatively informed this morning.

It is hoped that the vessel may undertake the trip on Tuesday morning, but the date has not yet been confirmed by the Japanese authorities in Canton.

Arrivals at Canton from Hong Kong will, however, be subject to 48 hours in quarantine.



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GERMAN-YUGOSLAVIA RUPTURE LOOMS NEAR

TO REJECT AXIS PROTEST

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, has decided to reject the German and Italian demands for the release of seized Axis ships, it is understood in Washington.

Asked at his daily press conference yesterday whether there was any present intention of releasing the ships, as demanded by the Axis protest note, Mr. Hull said he had not heard of it in Government quarters.

When the United States replied to the protests, he added, the State Department would probably take up with the Italian and German Embassies the question of publishing the correspondence. — Reuter.

CHUNGKING PROTEST AGAINST IMMIGRATION LAW OF H.K.

The 8th Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Central Executive and Supervisory Committees yesterday requested the National Government to negotiate with the British Government for the cancellation of the Immigration Regulations now enforced by the Hong Kong Government. It is contended that the regulations are prejudicial to the interests of Chinese in Hong Kong and to friendly relations between China and Britain. — Central News.

JAPANESE TRADE TACTICS ROUSE PROTESTS

QUESTIONED IN THE Commons yesterday about the "open door" trade policy in China, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the British Government had for some time been watching the trend of Japanese policy towards foreign interests in China, and in particular the effect on British trade.

Recently he took an opportunity to draw the attention of the Japanese Ambassador to the present state of affairs, which the British Government found impossible to reconcile with past protestations of the Japanese Government about the maintenance of the open door.

Asked by Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons.) whether it was right to assume that the Japanese had now gone back on all their agreements regarding European interests, Mr. Butler said:

"We have on the one hand Japanese statements and on the other hand the situation as it is now developing."

"Japanese statements say their policy is unchanged, whereas the more we look at the situation the more unsatisfactory we see it to be. That is why we have taken an opportunity to bring the matter to the urgent attention of the Japanese Government." — Reuter.

R.A.F. DROPS TEA OVER HOLLAND

Departing from the pamphlet policy the R.A.F. recently released over occupied Netherlands 75,000 bags of the finest Dutch East Indies tea, each containing about an ounce, Reuter learns from Dutch sources in London.

On a label attached to each bag was printed a Netherlands

Nazis Concocting Atrocity Tales

VON HEEREN, GERMAN MINISTER TO YUGOSLAVIA, NOW IN BERLIN, IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO BELGRADE, THOUGH OFFICIAL INTIMATION OF A RUPTURE IN YUGOSLAV-GERMAN RELATIONS WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED, SAYS THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM "AFTONBLADET."

He adds that any German military action will probably require some weeks of preparation.

Meanwhile uncertainty about the Yugoslav situation has compelled Italy to re-group her forces as a precaution against the threat on a new front in Albania, according to the correspondent.

London Statement

Cheers greeted Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the Commons yesterday when he said that the Yugoslav situation had completely altered since his last statement by the establishment, without any internal disorder, of a new Government.

Mr. Butler added: "The House will have noted with gratification the order of the day of General Simovitch, in which, after asking that false rumours should be ignored, General Simovitch said his Government were pursuing a friendly policy to all their neighbours."

Mr. Butler added that the British Government were in full and friendly relations with the new Yugoslav Government.

Nazis Intensify Atrocity Campaign

THE ATROCITY CAMPAIGN AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA ON THE GERMAN RADIO SHOWS SIGNS OF INCREASING INTENSITY LAST NIGHT.

The most extravagant allegations regarding the treatment by the Serbs of German refugees, said to be arriving in trainloads at Gratz (Austria), are made on the alleged authority of the refugees themselves. — Reuter.

flag with the words "The Netherlands will rise again. Greetings from the Free Netherlands East Indies. China up!"

The tea was a present from N.E.I. tea planters who asked the Netherlands Colonial Office to pass it on in this way.

The Dutch news agency says: "Never have the Dutch people so gratefully received a gift from the Dutch Indies, especially as it is almost impossible to get an ounce of tea in Dutch shops." — Reuter.

FALL OF MASSAWA NEAR

The fall of Massawa, the Eritrean naval base on the Red Sea, is expected at any moment, the British military spokesman said in Cairo last night.

After the capture of Asmara the Italian forces are making no attempt to defend the port, the spokesman added.

They have taken the main road to the south and are at present in full retreat closely pursued by the Imperial forces and are suffering from hammering by the Royal Air Force. — Reuter.

few were fatal. Elsewhere there was little damage and no casualties were reported.

One enemy aircraft was destroyed by British fighters in the morning.

No alert had been sounded in London up to a late hour last evening. — Reuter.

LIGHT RAID ON BRITAIN

Some activity by single enemy aircraft over the East Coast of England and Scotland is all that the Air Ministry reported last night.

At a place in East Anglia and a village on the north-east coast of Scotland, it says, some damage was done to industrial buildings and there was a small number of casualties, of which a very



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ITALY'S APOLOGIA FOR DEFEAT

Eye-Witnesses Give Facts Of Naval Battle

Heavy Broadships Prevent Italians From Hitting Back

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent With The Mediterranean Fleet)

EYE-WITNESS STORIES OF THE GREAT MEDITERRANEAN BATTLE WERE GIVEN REUTER IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY BY OFFICERS IN THE BATTLESHIPS BARHAM AND VALIANT AND THE CRUISER GLOUCESTER.

These made clear that the lightning broadsides from our battleships nipped in the bud any hopes the Italians may have had of hitting back.

The Italian cruisers Zara and Fiume received broadsides from Barham and Valiant within a few seconds of sustaining direct hits from Warspite.

Captain G. C. Cooke, of Barham, compared the battleships, which used 6-inch as well as 15-inch guns, to "a team of three perfectly trained boxers."

Barham's first broadside scored a direct hit under the bridge of one cruiser, and the second caused a series of explosions.

As this cruiser then began burning furiously from bow to stern, Barham shifted her fire to the second ship in the line, which was already burning.

She received a broadside near her waterline. The fire aboard her became so fierce that a further target was sought but none was found.

No Effective Reply

An eye-witness said the cruiser's guns remained pointing fore and aft throughout the action. The only fire they put up came from Breda guns with tracer shells from the A.A. armament.

Commissioned Gunner Edwards of Barham described the broadsides as "the best night shoot I have ever seen."

He told how for many years the British Navy has constantly practiced night actions.

Captain Cooke spoke in highest praise of every man in his ship, including the cook, who continued to serve food.

Gloucester's Part

Aboard Gloucester I was told how Gloucester, Orion, Ajax and Perth contacted the enemy warships throughout last Friday while they endeavoured to lure them in the direction of the British Fleet.

Officers in Gloucester and Orion testified to the good shooting of the Italians.

Gloucester is keeping shell splinters as trophies, though these did not scratch her palisade in falling aboard her.

When the Italians closed in, our cruisers were able to reply and several of their salvos fell near them.

Battleship Appears

Shortly afterwards the Italian battleship Vittorio Veneto was sighted approaching at full speed with a tremendous bow wave.

All her guns were soon trained on our cruiser squadron. After the battleship had been firing for some time it was noticed that her range was lengthening.

This was when torpedo bombs from the aircraft carrier Formidable were making their dripping attack on her.

With our battleships coming up the four cruisers were again sent ahead to try and contact the enemy. They succeeded towards evening when the Air Arm was carrying out their dusk attack.

After nightfall our cruisers continued the hunt for the Italian fleet.

Meanwhile our battleships got in range of the Zara and Fiume, which were apparently assisting the stricken cruiser Pola.

Italian Apologia

An apologia issued by the Italian authorities, explaining away the crushing defeat of the Italian Navy off Cape Matapan, is a naive document which shows how completely the Italians are deceiving, or attempting to deceive, themselves, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

It admits the losses, he adds, which could not be concealed because survivors of the crews are in British hands, but says nothing about the damage to the Vittorio Veneto, which may or may not have got home. Indeed, it conveniently overlooks the presence of this fast super-battleship and two other battleships of the Cavour class and only speaks of light units which were out-gunned by heavy but much slower craft.

"Important Character"

It somewhat lamely attempts to make capital out of the fact that they did not use their superior speed "for reasons of an important character" which are not specified, but is silent regarding the British claim that they were lamed by British torpedo attacks from the air.

The statement also passed over in silence the fact that German aircraft fired upon British vessels engaged in rescue work.—Reuter.

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HOT WATER IS RATIONED

Because of the strict rationing of heating materials in Alsace, only cold water gushes from most hot water taps.

Hospitals, restaurants, meat markets and some factories may have hot water. Hairdressers are limited to one hot water tap.—Associated Press.

BRIDAL PHOTO ON BIER

On his flights over Germany an R.A.F. pilot-sergeant always carried a photograph of his actress-wife.

When he was taken to hospital after a raid, nurses found it in his tunic pocket. Forty-eight hours later, barely a month after his wedding day, he died. As he awaited burial on his wife's nineteenth birthday, a photograph of her, specially taken for him, was clasped in his hand.

The airman was Alexander McGilvery Grant, husband of actress Joan Edwards, of Dale Street, Scunthorpe, Lincs.

He was hit while acting as navigator during a raid on enemy territory.

"Joan's marriage was the sequel to a romance that came from a stage performance," Mrs. Edwards told a reporter.

Tragic Memory

"She had been playing at a Chester theatre, and among the audience was the man she was later to marry."

"Alex always used to say he liked to think of Joan as he saw her that night—a small girl struggling off the stage with piles of parcels, gifts from her admirers."

"He became acquainted with her, and by a coincidence Joan was one of the artists at a military concert given a few days later and attended by Alex."

"Fate seemed to dog their steps afterwards."

"A month ago they decided to marry."

"The photograph he carried with him on every flight has been restored to Joan and she says she will never part with it."

Joan's sister Nora, who is also an actress, has a tragic memory of Alex's last visit.

"He always wanted me to sing 'Vale'—it means farewell," she said. "And I sang it for him just before he gave us a last 'Cheerio.' I shall never sing that song again," she added.

"SHIED" AT LEGS

Tapping out a snappy rhythm for high-kicking chorus girls at Oldham Empire Theatre, Lancs, a white-haired seventy-five-year-old grandfather has found a cure for a broken heart.

He is Mr. John Mella, who has returned to his old job as drummer in a theatre orchestra after twenty years' retirement.

"I was broken-hearted when my wife died a short time ago, so I decided to try to forget my loneliness in the bright and cheery atmosphere of the theatre," granddad Mella told a reporter. "It was hard work at first."

THE KING'S CONGRATULATIONS TO C.-IN-C.

King George yesterday sent the following message to Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet: "My heartiest congratulations to all ranks and ratings under your command on your great victory."—Reuter.

TYPICAL HUNNISH TRICK

Seven hundred British officer prisoners of war in Germany have been transferred to camps in Poland possessing inferior amenities, on the ground that conditions in an officers' prison camp in Canada did not conform to the Prisoners of War Convention.

This was revealed by Mr. Richard Law, Financial Secretary to the War Office, in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Law said enquiries had shown that allegations regarding the Canadian camp were completely unfounded and that the camp had been favourably reported on by the International Red Cross.

Strong representations, Mr. Law added, had been made to the German Government, which he hoped would result in the return of the officers to their original camp.—Reuter.

SOVIET'S GUARANTEE TO TURKEY

THE RECENT TURCO-SOVIET DECLARATION CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE: "SHOULD TURKEY IN FACT BE THE OBJECT OF AGGRESSION AND BE INVOLVED IN WAR IN DEFENCE OF HER TERRITORY, TURKEY COULD THEN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TURCO-SOVIET NON-AGGRESSION PACT, COUNT UPON THE FULL UNDERSTANDING AND NEUTRALITY OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT."

In giving this information in the Commons yesterday Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that he regarded this declaration by the Soviet Union in regard to Turkey as eminently satisfactory.

To other questions Mr. Butler replied: "We always hope that such developments will draw relations with the Soviet Government closer."—Reuter.

NEW YORKERS BUY A SPITFIRE

Among recent gifts for the purchase of aircraft acknowledged by the Minister of Aircraft Production is £5,000 from the Liden Trade Association of New York, says British Wireless.

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IMPERIAL WAR COUNCIL SUGGESTION

FORMATION OF AN Imperial War Council, consisting of the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the Dominions and Southern Rhodesia or their representatives, a representative of India and representatives of the colonies and protectorates, was suggested by Lord Elibank in the House of Lords yesterday.

Lord Cranborne, Secretary for the Dominions, intimated Government opposed the suggestion as it was not at present practicable or possible.

"He added there were doubtless circumstances and situations in which a conference of Dominion Prime Ministers might be of the utmost value. A point might be reached in which we might be able to look more into the future than at present, and at such a moment an Imperial Conference might be not only important but essential."

IN THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, THAT MOMENT HAD NOT YET COME BUT SHOULD THE SITUATION ALTER SO AS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE SUCH A CONFERENCE, GOVERNMENT WOULD BE HEARTILY WELCOME IT.—REUTER.

Chorus girls certainly move faster than they used to in the old days. But soon all the suppleness came back into my fingers.

"The girls are very sweet to me and call me Dad. They're fine lasses, too. At first I felt quite shy at having so many bare legs kickin' over my head, but that soon went in the old days the chorus girls all wore stockings."

Granddad Mella is proud that he can now claim to be the oldest theatre drummer in the country. Nightly, as he sits at his drums, he sees visions of Dan Leno, Vera Tilley and Florrie Forde. He has played for all of them.

His proudest memory is of a tour with Fred Karno's "Mousetrap" with Charlie Chaplin as one of the company.

Bristol Undismayed By Six Blitzkrieg Air Raids

WEATHER NOW THE CHIEF ALLY

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE VIBRANT CITY AND PORT OF BRISTOL IS FULL OF NEW ENERGY AND PRO-NISE AFTER SIX AIR BLITZES AS THE FAMOUS ALMOND AVENUES ARE NOW IN BLOOM WHICH SOFTEN SOME OF THE JAGGED OUTLINES CAUSED BY WAR.

I have been behind the scenes of Bristol's blitz life and it seems quite clear that here, as elsewhere, the Luftwaffe has failed to smash down British resistance.

After suffering as heavy blows relative to her size as Liverpool and London, Bristol's economic life is unimpaired.

The weather, murky by day and wild by night, continues to be Britain's chief ally at the moment, preventing a resumption of night attacks on a heavy scale.

These were cut short along this extensive base line in the Battle of the Atlantic nearly a fortnight ago.

Resistance to the Nazi air onslaught on this city, whose peacetime population of 500,000 is rising, is not at all passive.

A. A. Batteries

The R.A.F. quickly chase inquisitive reconnaissance planes by day and at night A.A. guns roll like thunder, turning away all but large formations of raiders.

There are two chief reasons why sober minded Bristolians believe their city can and will continue to shoulder her great responsibility: there are the dockers, whom I saw turning round ships at Avonmouth in double quick time as compared with before the war, and Bristol's air raid personnel, whose organisation is one of the most efficient in the country.

These key workers keep a vast flow of supplies running smoothly from ships into railway and rail sidings, no matter how intense enemy action may be inside or outside dockland.

In keeping clear and healthy the very lifeblood of Britain's continued resistance, they are constantly aiming at higher efficiency.—Reuter.

GAS CAUSED RAID SCARE

People living near Plymouth gasworks ran to their shelters when a terrific explosion shook the district.

Shoppers also took cover when a series of minor noises were heard in several streets, and huge pieces of paving were thrown up.

But it was not an air raid. The big bang was a gas explosion at the works. The minor explosions were the result of the shock travelling along the gas main.

The Road Bulged

One man was killed and several were injured at the works. There were a few minor casualties in the streets.

A motorist said he narrowly missed being blown up.

"I thought something had suddenly gone wrong with my car," he explained. "When I saw a portion of the road in front of me bulge, and then seen with a roar, I managed to steer round it and my car almost overturned."

Gas company officials refuse to explain the cause of the explosion. A Government inquiry is expected.

Air Activity In Africa

The bombing of enemy aerodromes in Tripolitania and South African Air Force activities in Eritrea and Abyssinia are features of yesterday's R.A.F. Cairo communique.

The communique says, the R.A.F. continues to give active support to the successful operation of our ground forces in Eritrea.

South African fighters intercepted and drove off numbers of Italian planes in the Asmara area.

In southern Abyssinia, South African aircraft attacked enemy communications and defences and various kinds of transport be-

ITALIAN SUBMARINE SUNK

It was officially announced in London yesterday that a British submarine reports having sunk in the Mediterranean an Italian U-boat and the Italian tanker Laura Corrado (3,645 tons). — Reuter.

tween Awash and Adama. Motor transport was also bombed and machine-gunned at many other places.

Enemy aerodromes in Tripolitania were bombed on Tuesday by our aircraft.

From all these operations our aircraft returned safely with one exception.—Reuter.

LEGAL VIEW OF RIGHT OF REQUISITION

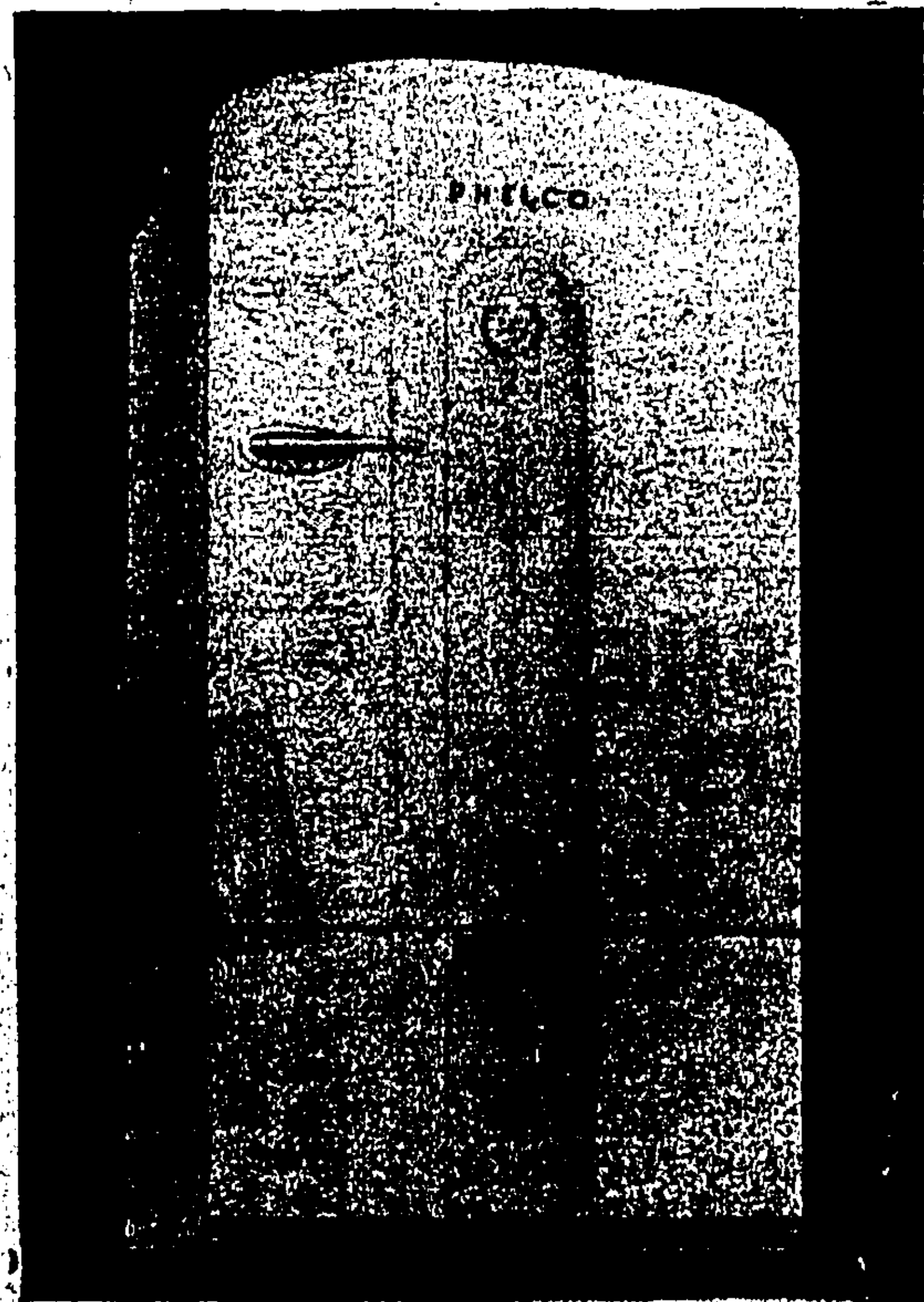
THE RIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW TO REQUISITION THE 28 ITALIAN, TWO GERMAN AND 32 DANISH SHIPS, OF WHICH THE AUTHORITIES TOOK CHARGE ON SUNDAY, WAS MAINTAINED BY PROF. GOODHART, AN AUTHORITY ON INTERNATIONAL LAW, BROADCASTING FROM LONDON LAST NIGHT IN THE B.B.C. HOME NEWS.

Every nation has a right, if it is in pressing need of ships, he said, to requisition foreign vessels in its territorial waters subject to the payment of fair compensation.

Italy in 1915 seized 37 German ships, although the countries were then at peace. Portugal, Brazil, Peru and Spain took similar action.—Reuter.

NAZIS EXECUTE GIRL SPY

Twenty-year-old Ruth Schubert, of Hildesheim, died on the scaffold at Berlin for espionage.



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WOMEN OF INDIA RALLY

The striking manner in which women in India have risen to the war's occasions in support of their fighting men, was the subject of a talk given at London headquarters of the Over-Seas League yesterday by Mrs. Lall, wife of the Deputy Commissioner for India.

The number of Empire and Allied countries represented in the audience, mostly in uniform, testified to the interest taken in the subject of Indian welfare work.

Under the inspiring lead of Lady Linlithgow, said Mrs. Lall, the war work of Indian women was on a wide scale and covered all provinces. In almost every large Indian city women had come forward with offers of service through established organisations and others set up since war began.

Women of all communities were collecting funds for the Red Cross, knitting for Indian soldiers and sailors and receiving training for A.R.P. work.

Many Ambulances

In the larger ports they were preparing to deal with casualties from the battle fronts, and to assist soldiers and their families passing through the ports, while from a silver trinket fund, raised from ornaments given to the cause, they had supplied a blood transfusion plant urgently required in the Middle East and had provisioned many ambulances.

The few Indian ladies left in London, Mrs. Lall added, were assisting the Indian Comforts Fund in providing much needed comforts for soldiers and seamen in colder climates. In this work they were aided by 600 ladies in all parts of Britain.—Reuter.

16, SHE BEATS THE BOMBS

"I get 5s. a week pocket-money and out of that I am saving up for a new bicycle. My old one has been bent by the bombs."

That was what sixteen-year-old Charity Bick said at her home in Maude Road, West Bromwich, where she has just received a letter from Lord Dudley, Regional Commissioner for the Midlands, congratulating her for her bravery as a volunteer A.R.P. dispatch rider.

"During one big raid I was out on my bike when I was blown off into the gutter by a bomb," she said. "I got up and carried on."

"Then I saw an incendiary drop on the roof of a pawnbroker's shop. I climbed up and put it out. I fell right through into the bedroom and hurt my back. But I managed to carry on."

"One night I was blown off five times by bomb blast, and several times I lay in the gutter with the bike on top of me while bombs were bursting around."

"My daddy is a warden and Mummy is a Red Cross nurse. They are all on duty during a raid, so it is up to me to do the same. I never feel a bit afraid."

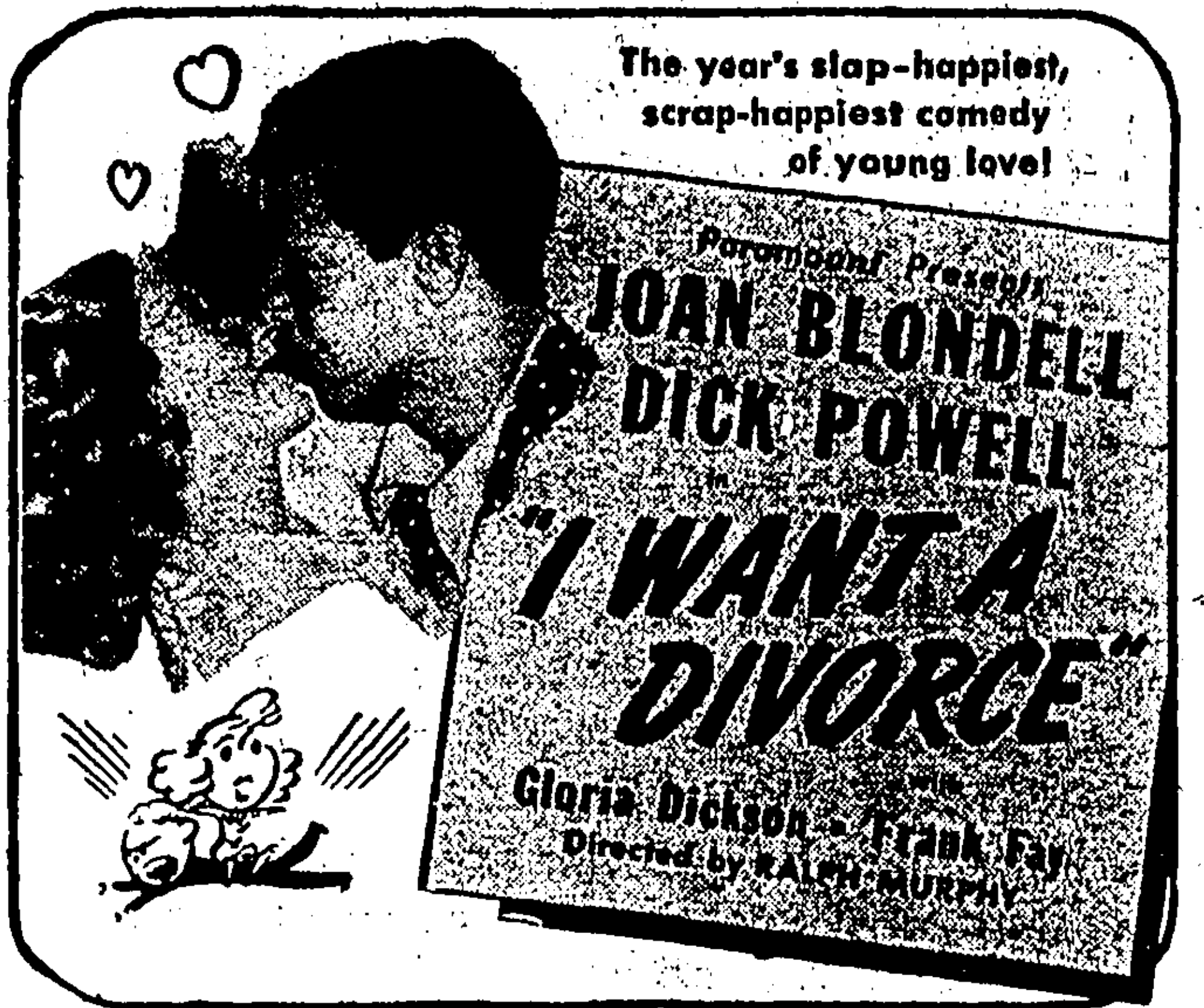
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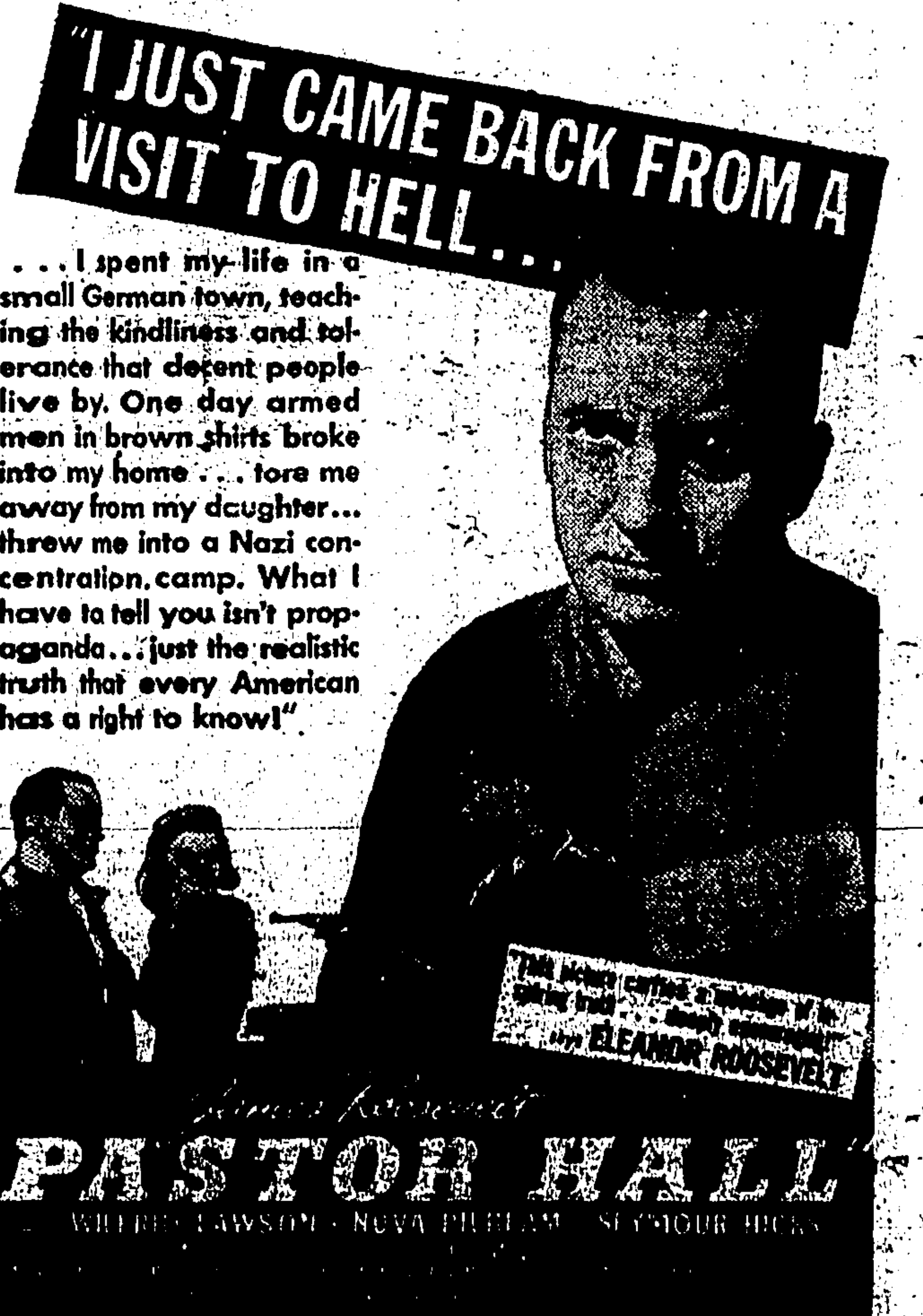


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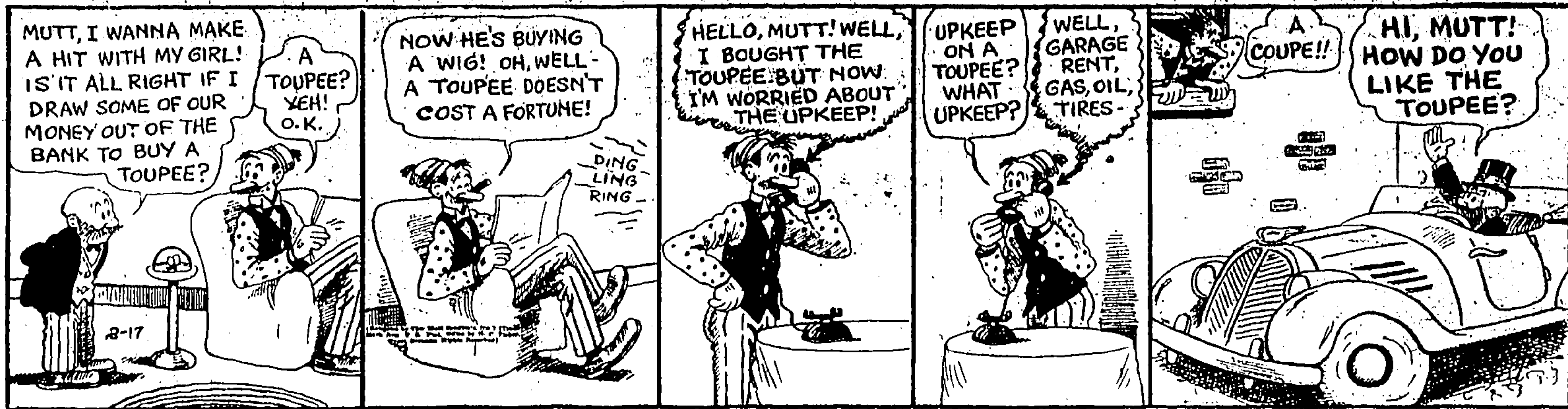
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SO NAVY CAUGHT FLIES FOR BIRD

A destroyer on patrol miles off the coast had a visitor. Nearly everyone was busy. Busy catching flies. And there aren't many flies to be found on a destroyer in the middle of winter.

But the visitor demanded flies. He had fluttered down out of the wind, a gay-coloured, long-beaked bird and, having once found the warmth and hospitality of the mess, was reluctant to leave.

He made himself at home. No one could tell what kind of bird he was. He turned up his beak at cornflakes and cheese.

Then, he solved the feeding problem himself. His beak shot out to catch a fly.

That set his hosts searching. In crannies, behind steam pipes, flies were discovered, flicked over to the visitor.

In a paradise of non-stop fly-snapping the visitor lived for three days.

"But on the third morning," writes an officer in the destroyer, "we found him dead. He was buried at sea."

HITLER'S FIFTH COLUMN ORGANISER ARRIVES IN CHILE

HERR VON RIETH, who as former German Minister in Vienna took an active part in the abortive revolt against Chancellor Dollfuss in 1934, recently arrived in South America and is now in Chile, it was learned yesterday from circles in New York in close touch with events in Latin-America.

Accompanied by General Niedenfuhr, South American specialist of the German Secret Service, von Rieth is understood to be making it his special business to stir up hostility to the United States in the southern hemisphere.

Von Rieth has already made himself conspicuous through his activities in the Argentine where, with the active help of local German and Italian Fifth Columnists, he tried to play up the nationalist feeling of Argentinians against the United States and Britain.

It is recalled that in the first abortive attempt to destroy the unity of Austria, von Rieth conspired with von Rintelen, then Austrian Minister in Rome,

against Chancellor Dollfuss.

When, on July 25, 1934, Nazi Fifth Columnists dressed as policemen and members of the Austrian armed forces, stormed the Chancellery in Vienna and shot Dr. Dollfuss, von Rieth appeared in front of the Prime Minister's headquarters and openly negotiated on behalf of the insurgents with Dr. Ley, Minister of Interior.

Extraordinary Incident

He suggested the revolt should be called off (it in the meantime had failed in the provinces) on condition that the Austrian Government assured a safe conduct to the Chancellor's murderers, for whom von Rieth promised sanctuary in Germany.

The offer was rejected by President Miklas, who said it was extraordinary for the diplomatic representative of a friendly neighbouring state to act as a parliamentarian on behalf of men who had just killed the Prime Minister of the country to which he was accredited.

Fifth Column Organiser

As the revolt had failed in any case, von Rieth was recalled immediately by Hitler, who disclaimed responsibility for the uprising. Since then little has been heard of von Rieth, who, however, appears to have been the head of the special section of the German Foreign Office in charge of Fifth Columns, where he enjoyed high rank as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

HITLER DID NOT MAKE HER CRY

A girl, aged eight, made her way through fires and explosions to a first-aid station.

Her forehead was badly gashed. She never whimpered. She kept on repeating: "Hitler shall not make me cry."

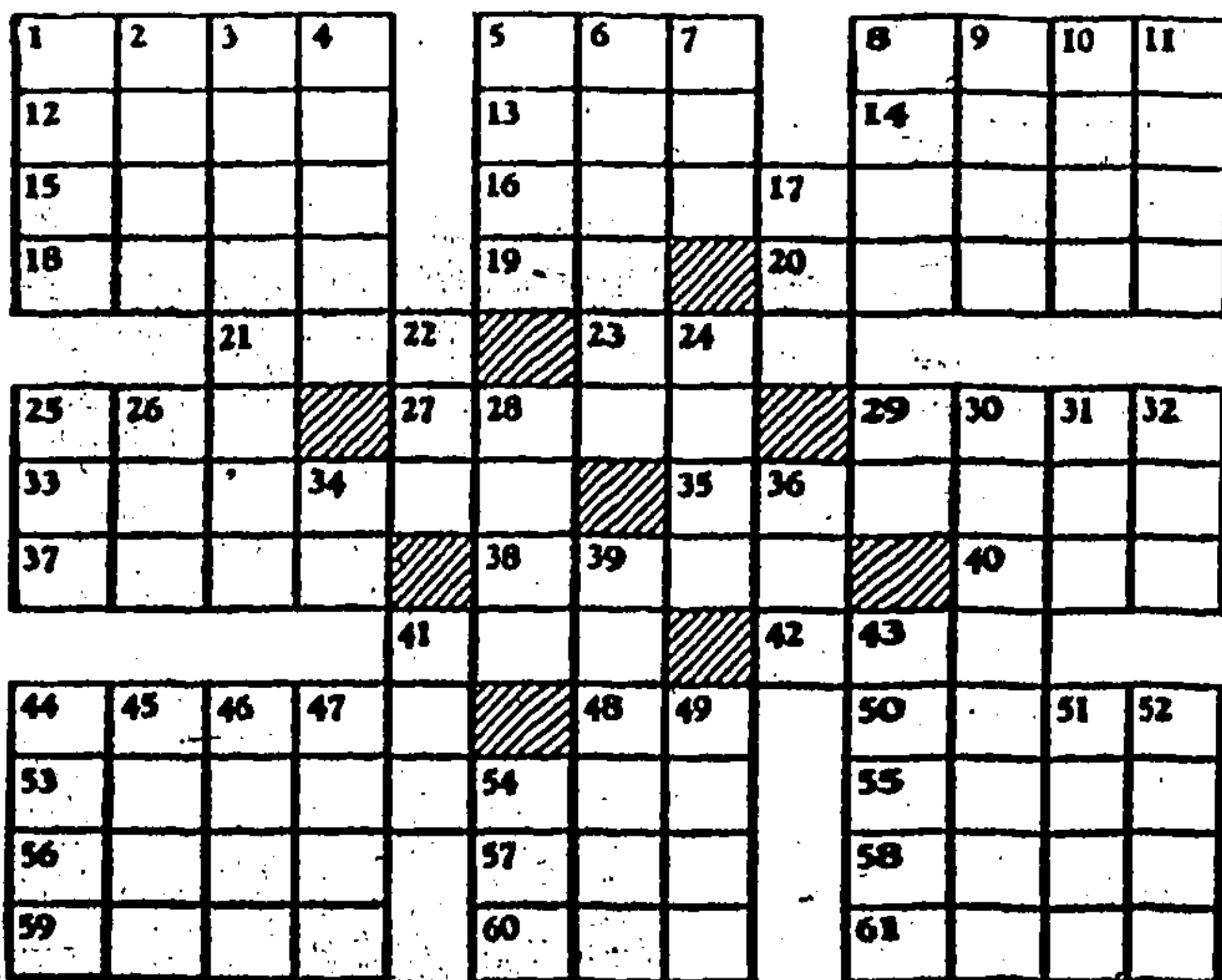
Viscount Simon, Lord Chancellor, told that story at Kington, Surrey. He was opening a War Weapons Week.

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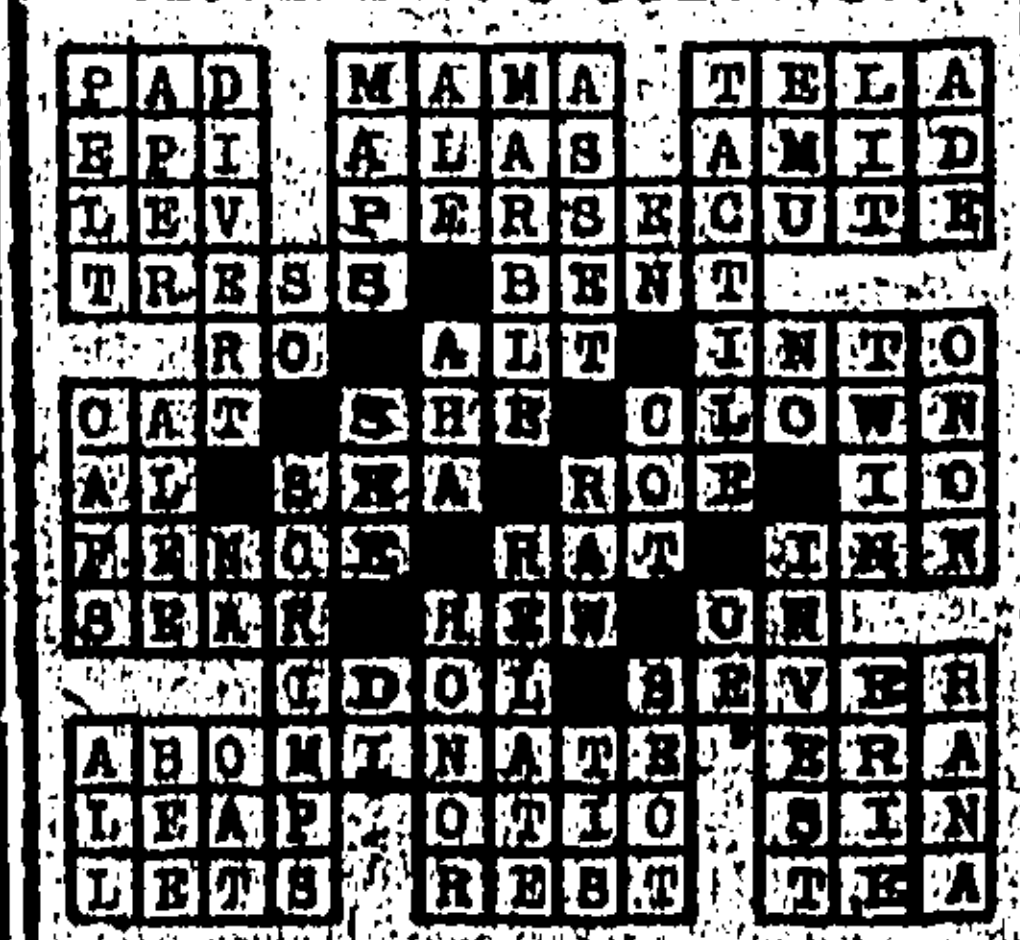
- HORIZONTAL**
- Speed contest
 - Favourite
 - Sea-in
 - Russian
 - Turkistan
 - Preposition
 - Part of "to be"
 - Additional
 - Transmitted
 - Is made up
 - Noted Italian family
 - Paid notice
 - To squeeze
 - Before
 - Greek letter
 - Scotch cap
 - To demolish
 - Sour
 - To ostrude
 - Walked
 - Lane
 - Religious ceremony
 - Born
 - Vast age
 - Form of address
 - Saw
 - Symbol for tellurium
 - Journey
 - Transported

- To fatigue
- Prefix, before
- Sea-eagle
- On top of
- Gaseous element
- Nahoor sheep
- To recuperate

- VERTICAL**
- Trick
 - Simians
 - Diedal
 - To penetrate
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- Eats away
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- Moslem prince
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- Branches of learning
- Minus
- Report
- Blister vetch
- Examination
- Gratuity
- Chalice
- Pertaining to aircraft
- Land measure
- Reptilian
- European fish
- English river
- Exclamation
- Music, three
- To place under restraint
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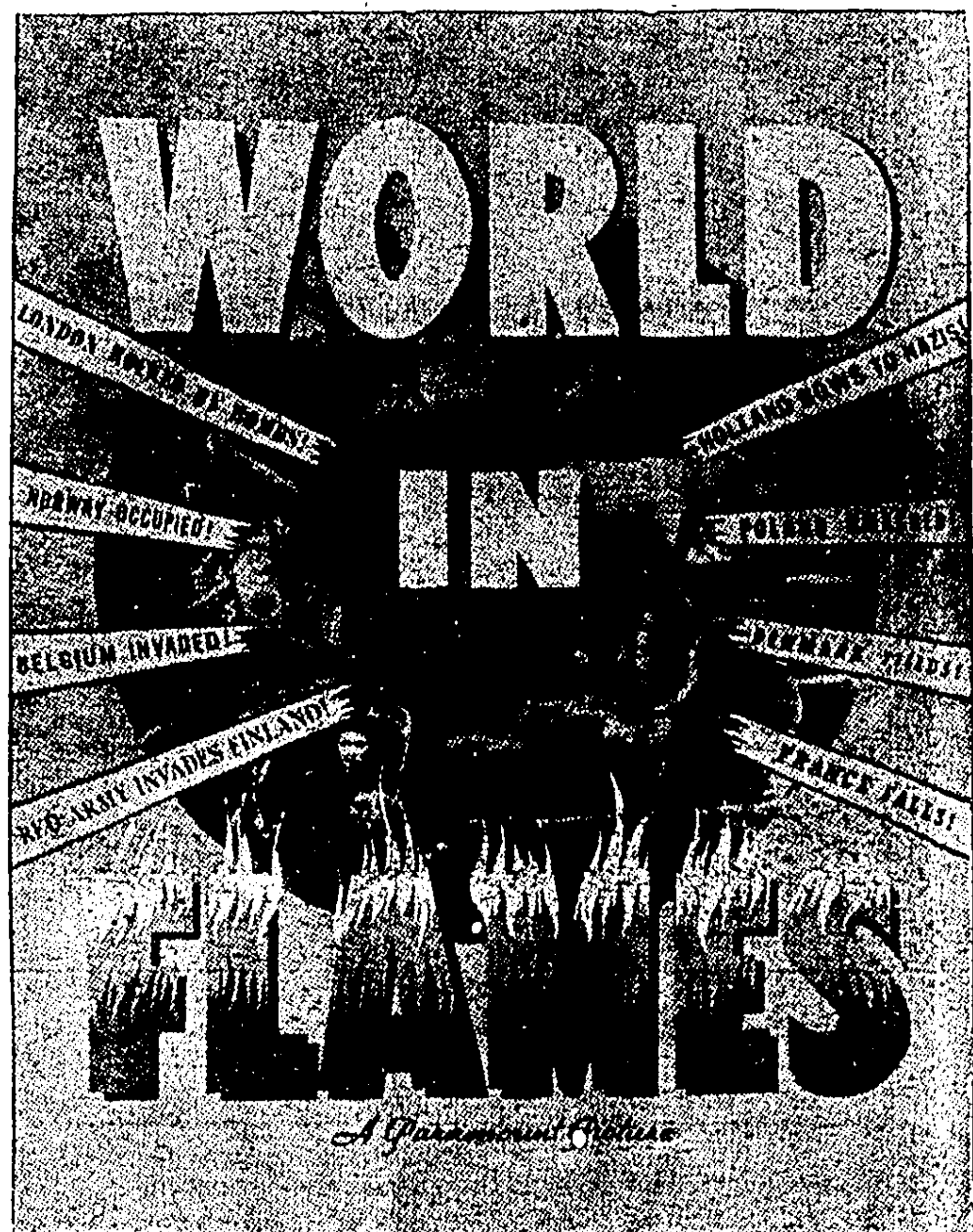
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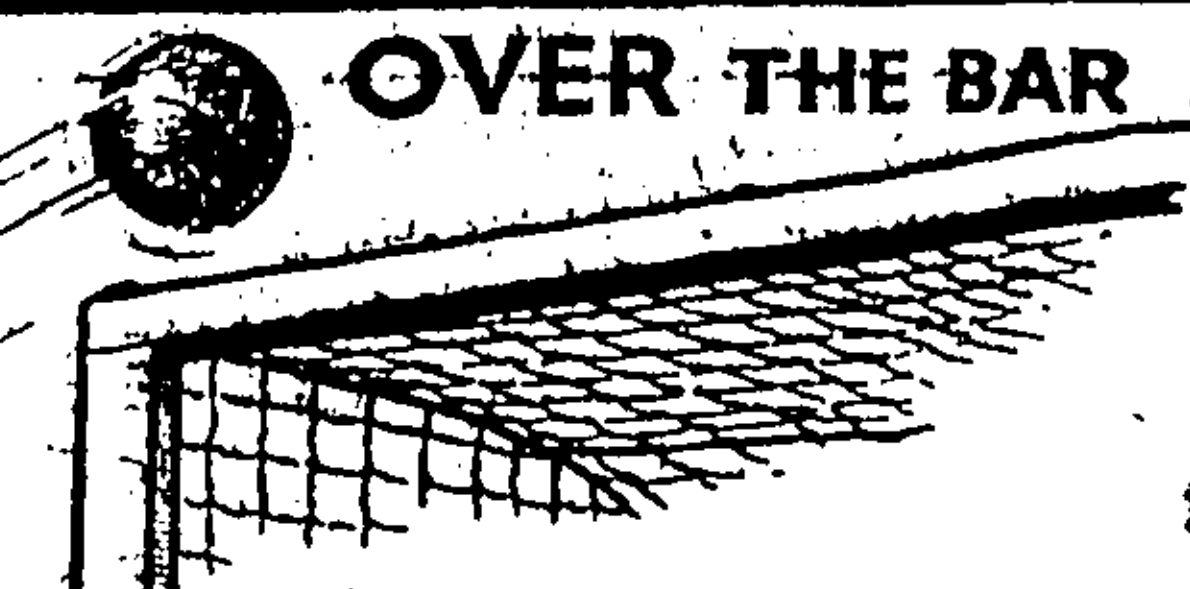
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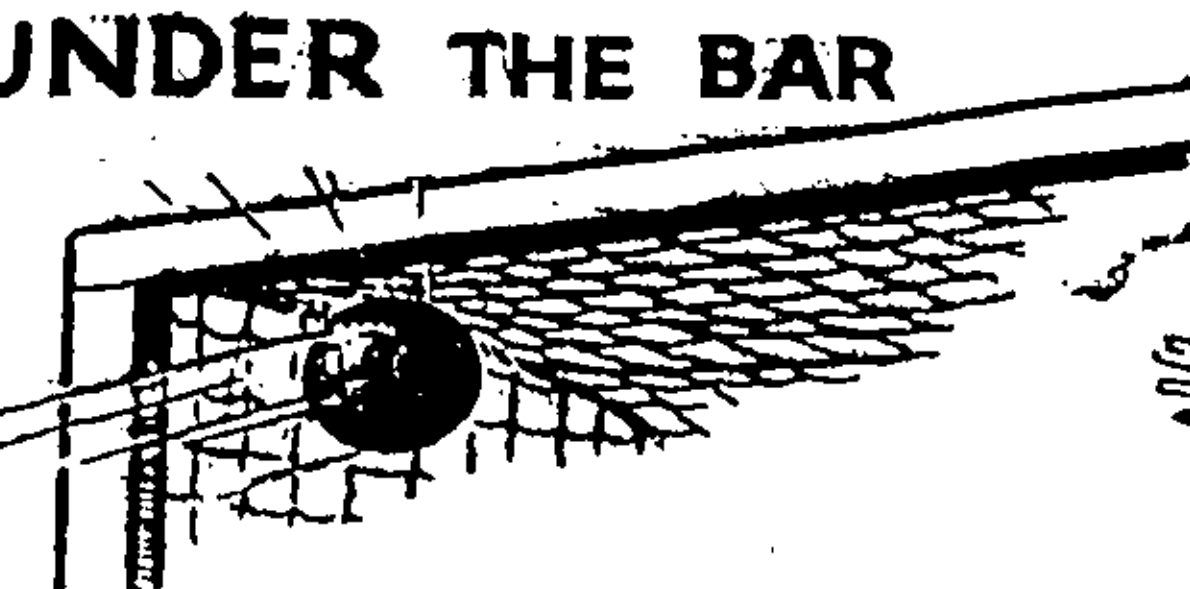
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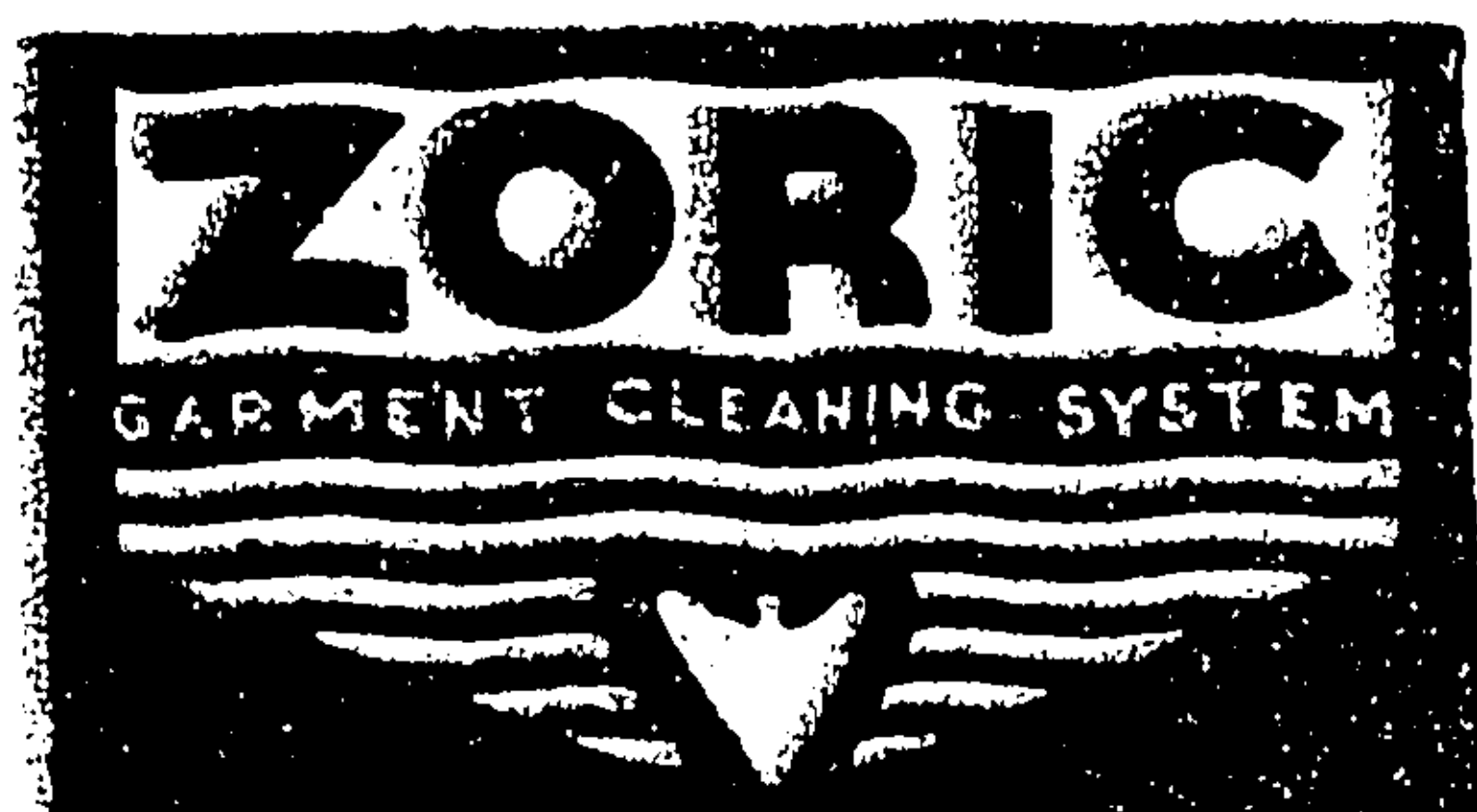


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U.S. CONVOYS URGED BY PRO- ALLY BODY

THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND AMERICA BY AIDING THE ALLIES, IN NEW YORK, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS ADOPTED THE SLOGAN "DELIVER THE GOODS TO BRITAIN NOW." IN A LONG STATEMENT OF POLICY THE COMMITTEE SAID THAT "SPEED WAS ESSENTIAL IN DELIVERING WAR MATERIALS, AND THAT THIS MEANT "CONVOY OF SHIPS WITH AMERICAN NAVAL VESSELS IF NEED BE."

The committee's statement in full follows:

"The Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies is committed to an Allied success because America and the American way of life will be gravely imperilled by an Axis victory. By the passage of the lend-lease bill the American people have committed themselves to full material aid to the Allies. This policy must now be supported by a united nation. The committee will support the following measures to make this policy effective:

"1. The full mobilisation of American economic life for greater production, with whatever sacrifices are necessary on the part of business, labour, agriculture and the consumer.

"Immediate and adequate appropriations under the lend-lease act.

"Use by the American government of whatever means are necessary to insure prompt delivery of war materials to the Allies, including (1) repair of Allied naval vessels in American waters; (2) supplying to the Allies of all possible merchant tonnage; (3) transfer to the Allies of additional destroyers and other naval craft; (4) permission to the Allies to organise convoys in American ports, and (5) convoy of ships with American naval vessels if need be.

"Deliver Now" Slogan

"Our slogan will be 'Deliver the goods to Britain now.'

"2. Congressional revision of legislation in order to permit the recruiting of Americans who wish to serve voluntarily in the armed or civilian forces of those nations whose defence is necessary for American security.

"3. Freezing of all foreign assets in the United States under the licence system to prevent further withdrawal of Axis balances and to control Nazi activities in the Western Hemisphere.

"4. A firm policy in the Pacific, including (1) increase of American naval strength in the Far East; (2) increased aid to China; (3) extension of embargoes on war materials to Japan; (4) clear indication of our determination to prevent the conquest of Singapore and the Dutch East Indies; (5) opening by the United States and Great Britain of Far Eastern naval bases to each other's fleets, and (6) a clear naval understanding between the two countries.

"5. Strenuous efforts to combat Nazi and totalitarian propaganda in the Americas with care to preserve civil liberties and the Good Neighbour policy.

"Any action or failure to act by the United States involves a risk of war. Delays have already increased that risk. We are convinced that the course which we advocate involves the lesser danger of war and contributes to a constructive peace.

"Eventual victory for the forces of democracy must be translated into the institutions and machinery for durable peace with American participation. Public opinion must be mobilised now so that America will play an effective part in the organisation of a lasting peace and will this time see the job through.

Position Of Committee

"We take this position because should Britain fall:

"(1) All of the exits from and entrances to the Atlantic would pass immediately into hostile hands. This in the past has meant invasion of our country. It might mean invasion again.

"(2) A large part of South

America, conscious of our inability to defend it, would almost at once come within the orbit of the Nazi regime. It would be reasonable to expect the establishment there of hostile military, naval and air bases.

"(3) All of the Orient, including Singapore, the Dutch East Indies and other vital strategic points, would fall under the domination of the aggressor nations.

"(4) We would be barred from the external world: From Cape Town to the Arctic Circle, from the Azores to Guam, from the Horn to the Amazon, except on such terms as the Nazis might dictate. We would be encircled to the South; restricted in the Atlantic; and hemmed in in the Pacific.

"(5) It is doubtful whether we could build our war forces rapidly enough in this sort of world or to enforce our own terms externally. The forces of despotism would control all of Europe, all of Africa and most of Asia. They would, therefore control every essential resource, natural and otherwise, to organise military domination of the world. They would control shipping and ship building facilities seven times as great as ours, industrial capacity for the production of planes, tanks, and implements of war larger than ours. The survival of our world is at stake.

"In the words of Hitler himself 'Two worlds are in conflict, two philosophies of life. One of these two worlds must break asunder.'

"We believe, and without reservation, that our only chance of establishing a peaceful world in which we might live in freedom and tranquility and preserve our institutions is to insure an allied victory.

This Year Critical

"We must not be deceived by the swoop of 'British' arms in Africa. This year is a critical year. It may even be a desperate year. Its desperation may not lie in a successful invasion of Britain but in other phases of the war.

"A crisis is developing in the delivery of war materials and to strategic theatres of activity. British bottoms are being sunk at an alarming rate and replacements are wholly inadequate. This shrinking tonnage is more critical because the lines of supply have been extended by many thousands of miles from London to the Orient around the Cape. Furthermore, it is necessary to transport across the Atlantic an ever-increasing volume of vital war materials. German points of departure from which submarines and air forces may intersect the British lines of supply have been multiplied on a coast line of almost 1,500 miles in length. A shrinking British tonnage must support a burden which, without our determined aid, it may not be able to sustain. With our assistance in the shipyards on the sea, and in the air, this crisis can be overcome. Victory can and will be won.

The statement was issued after a two-day conference at the Hotel Biltmore of the twenty-eight members of the committee's national policy board. Lewis W. Douglas, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, is chairman of this board, while former Senator Ernest W. Gibson, Jr., of Vermont, is chairman of the entire committee. William Allen White, editor of "The Emporia (Kansas) Gazette," who resigned as chairman on Jan. 2, is now honorary chairman.

VILLAGE SAVED BY DONKEYS

Two boys climbed into a motor-van, determined to take bread to a foodless village isolated by huge snowdrifts. With five miles to go the van was trapped in a drift. . . .

But the boys got through on donkeys.

They had left the van and had started a hopeless struggle through the snow with a basket of loaves on each arm when they saw the donkeys standing in a field.

Later that day the villagers of Legsby (Lincolnshire), without food for two days, saw donkeys slowly plodding toward them.

The relief of Legsby had begun.

The boys were Dennis Burn, aged seventeen, son of a Market Rasen baker and Geoffrey Dent, his young assistant. They got through at first with forty loaves.

Then, almost all the rest of the day, Dennis and Geoffrey, helped by a farm boy, guided the donkeys back and forward between the stranded van and the village.

All the bread was delivered to Legsby.

The village — it has 200 people — was isolated by the district's worst blizzard in living memory.

Not even the mails got through when the donkeys came to the rescue.

OUR NIGHT VICTORIES

— Pilot Tells King

The leader of a night-fighter squadron told the King: "I think we may be much more successful in the future."

The King and Queen had just had a long talk with Air Marshal W. Sholto Douglas, Commander-in-Chief of the Fighter Command, about the difficulties of intercepting night bombers.

They had a long talk also with Squadron-Leader Douglas Bader, the "legless pilot," who introduced members of his squadron to them.

The King noticed pilots of a night-fighter squadron wearing their tunics with the top button undone. "Just a fad of ours," said the night commander.

The Queen, glancing at another squadron, asked why they were not doing the same.

"Perhaps it is because they are not as good as we are," the night commander grinned.

GIRL SHOT DEAD BY BREN GUN

A twenty-year-old Canadian soldier, Charles Thomas Christie, was remanded in custody at Aldershot on a charge of murdering Margaret Wheaton, aged twenty-six.

It was stated that the girl, a domestic servant employed by an Army officer, was looking out of a window in barracks when a Bren gun was fired. She received a bullet wound in the head. Her home was at a village near Liskeard, Cornwall.

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FINISHING THE JOB

The great storm of war which has burst more furiously over Signor Mussolini, smashing his fleet in the Mediterranean so that it is exceeding doubtful if it will venture to sea again, wresting Keren, Asmara, Harrar and Dire Dawa from him in East Africa so that the doom of his African Empire is clear writ, was not just an accident of a chance meeting or even superior mobility. No more was the blitz raid upon Emden, the effect of which shook even Joseph Goebbels into admitting "comparatively large damage."

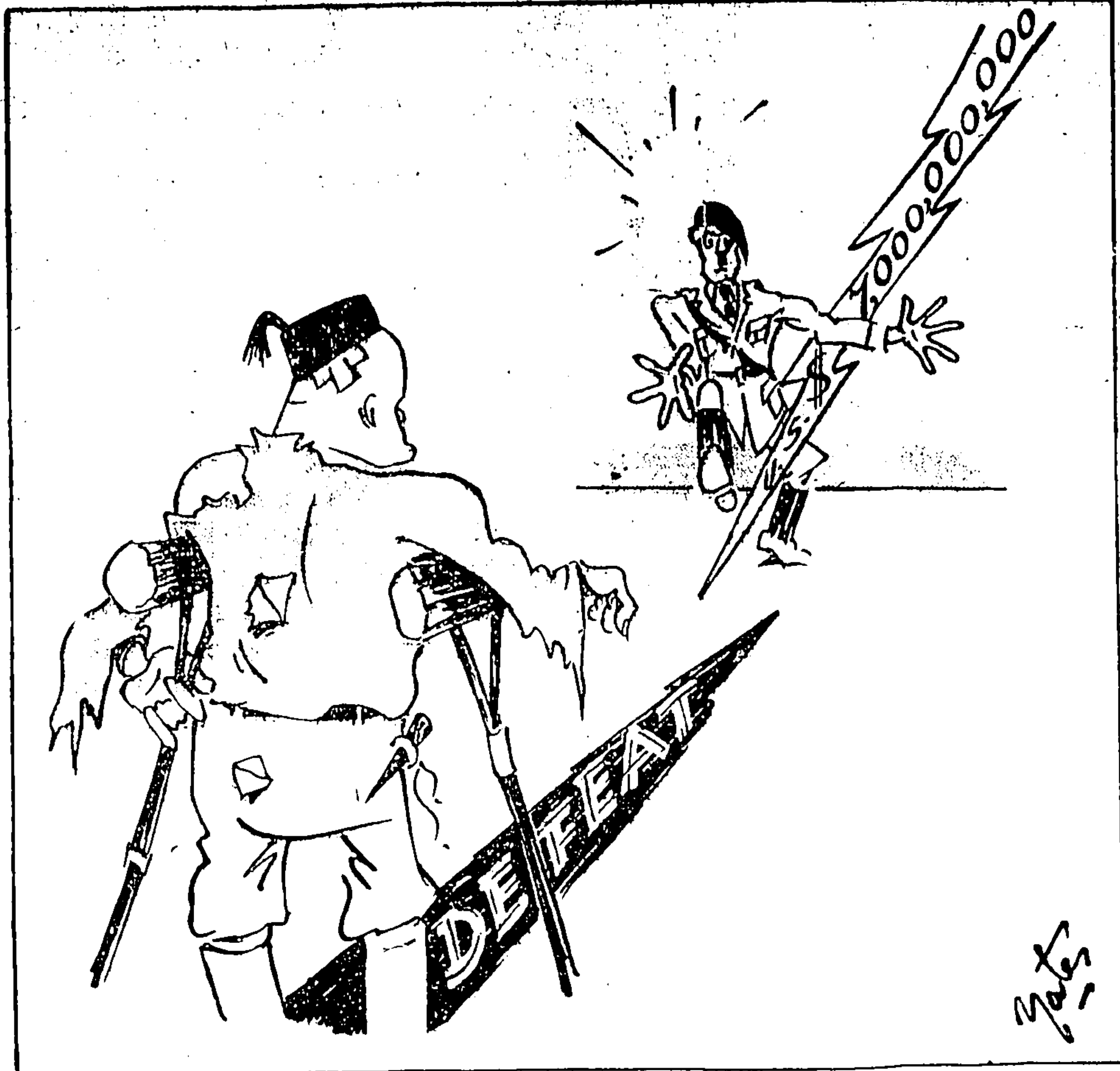
"Give us the tools," said Mr. Churchill, with his formidable emphasis, "and we will finish the job."

Germans having spent a week digesting the Yugoslavian coup and the news of Italy's defeats, and the leaden knowledge having sunk well home, their skies were torn to fury with the night and the finishing of the job was under way before their eyes and above their heads.

For it seems apparent that the arrival in Britain of giant American bombing planes of the Consolidated Liberator type contributed significantly to the crash about Emden of bigger bombs than had ever before fallen upon a German city. Buildings were lifted bodily from their foundations; because celebrated and dreaded long-range bombers were droning overhead.

These bombs shook a people who have been told that no air attack would be allowed to reach them, that Britain is beaten and virtually out of the war, that American aid will not be allowed to reach the British Isles. Yet while this latter part of the fable was being drummed home, the R.A.F. struck its most devastating blow, and with it, gave promise of still heavier blows to come.

The initiative, plainly, is slipping from Hitler's hands. If only America can provide the tools promptly and in sufficient quantity, Britain will finish the job, even sooner perhaps than could at one time be imagined.



ALL WAR SHORT OF AID!

Can Stand Lot More Bombs

Just what the phrase "London had its heaviest raid of the war last night" covers in the way of damage is something that cannot, and will not, be known in detail outside England for weeks.

Reading the dispatches, we know only that the physical damage was considerable and that the casualties, both dead and wounded, were numerous.

The only yardstick by which to judge a big raid is a comparison with the other heavy raids on London.

In one raid, probably the heaviest on the metropolis up to that time, the Germans claimed to have dumped several hundred thousand pounds of bombs on the city. Both German and British sources put the number of planes which hovered over London that night at between 1,000 and 1,500, and they didn't get their money's worth in vital damage done.

Strike In Series Of Waves

Contrary to a popular misconception, this does not mean that 1,500 German planes were over London at one time. The Germans came in a series of waves—each wave comprising only a small number of planes.

Each wave, however, no sooner has unloaded its burden of destruction than the ominous irregular beat of the next wave's engines can be heard approaching. I have stood in the street while a raid was in progress and it seemed from the ground that the planes were coming in with the regularity of subway trains, but far more often.

Incendiaries Then Explosives

The general practice is for the first planes to drop showers of incendiaries near whatever objectives they happen to be hunting, and the following planes gun for the vicinity of the fires with high-explosive bombs.

To the more or less innocent bystander it quite often seems to develop into a race with the Auxiliary Fire Service working desperately to extinguish the flames before they can guide the next wave of bombers to that objective.

A really heavy raid is at once

one of the most beautiful and one of the most terrifying spectacles imaginable.

Sky Pockmarked With Fire

As the planes approach the London defences, the sky is pockmarked with reddish points of fire where the anti-aircraft shells are bursting. The searchlights cut long white channels through the darkness, and from the ground the

By Frank R. Kent, Jr.

sullen glare of several fires started by incendiaries outlines the antlike figures of the A.F.S. men working heedless of explosives to subdue the flames.

The barking of the guns is almost one continuous roll, and high above is that whirr whirr whirr—the beat of a bombers' engines.

The Climax And The Lull

The sound of the engines gets closer and the guns sound like a pack of deep-throated watchdogs baying furiously at an intruder.

The observer holds his breath waiting for the last note in the symphony of totalitarian war; and then it comes.

There is a sound like an express train getting louder and louder and there is a dull "krump."

Sometimes there are two more, sometimes there is only one. The sound of the plane fades off, and there is a few minutes of comparative silence during which firemen can be heard shouting to each other as they work.

Sometimes Only Silence

If the bomb has fallen very close, you can also hear the clump of heavy shoes as wardens and police run toward the stricken

building and men can be heard calling to each other and to the occupants, "Are you all right?"

Sometimes there is an answer—sometimes there is only silence. Even as they call, shell bursts far away in the night sky give warning of more planes and once again comes the uneven note of bombers' engines.

That, in general, is a picture of what goes on when a heavy raid is in progress.

Armageddon, Then The Dawn

Sometimes the raiders may be concentrating on a relatively small area, sometimes they spread out and several districts will be under fire at the same time. In the thick of the noise, with the reflection of fires glowering in the sky in several quarters the general impression is that Armageddon finally has arrived and London in the morning will be a sea of blackened walls.

With morning after the all clear has gone, however, you wake up to the familiar sound of buses rumbling through the streets and see the people on their way to work.

They may—and many of them probably have—spent the night in shelters, but they are up and going back to business as usual. You visit the scene of your own particular raid of the night before.

Can Stand A Lot More Of Them

There will be holes gaping in the solid rows of buildings. There will be fire-blackened shells of what once were dwellings or business houses. Here and there a lucky building may be standing with the adjoining structures on both sides reduced to a tumbled heap of rubble.

Undoubtedly the raiders did a lot of damage. Then you look at the traffic seething through the streets, the stream of life carrying on "business as usual."

And you realize that in spite of the thousands of pounds of bombs, in spite of the fires, the gray, stout-hearted old city can stand a lot more of the "heaviest raids of the war" without having the stream of life which is London seriously impaired.

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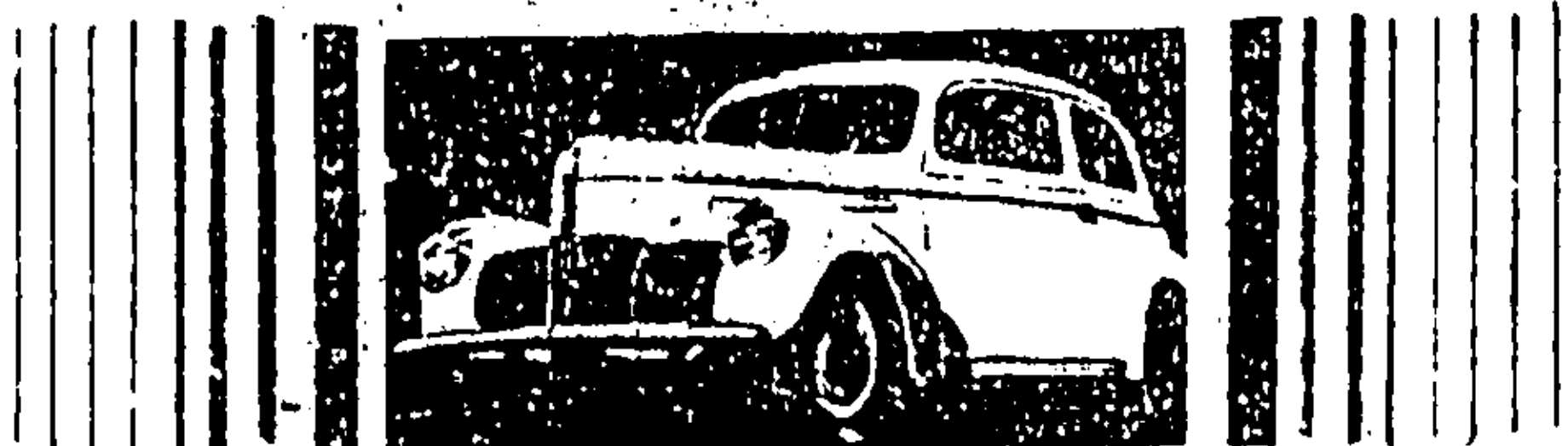
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FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF SERB-CROAT-
SLOVENE UNITY UNDER GENERAL SIMO-
VITCH'S NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.**

The Prime Minister's order of the day has contributed to the calm and discipline of the public which is assured the Government will seek to maintain peace while refusing to compromise the country's independence or honour.

Meantime the Nazi war of nerves has reached a stage of utmost violence. German propaganda is clearly directed to endeavour to create confusion and disorganisation within Yugoslavia.

Conflicting reports are being put about, threats alternating with cajolery, predictions that war is inevitable being followed by assurances of the possibility of a peaceful settlement.

The all too familiar technique resorted to by the Nazis so often in preparation for successive acts of aggression since the annexation of Austria is being faithfully followed.

The cue given by the Wilhelmstrasse, that anti-German demonstrations were spreading rapidly in Yugoslavia, was at once taken up by German-controlled radio stations.

Constant Stream

"Atrocity" stories were again yesterday poured out in a constant stream, and the Berlin radio sounded an ominous note when it stated that developments led to the assumption that a "second Bromberg" threatened Germans in Yugoslavia. (Bromberg figured largely in fabricated Nazi allegations of the treatment of Germans in Poland before the 1939 invasion).

"The Times" yesterday remarked: "It seems almost to be a sign of staleness on the part of Hitler that he does not get away from the same old tricks." The atrocity tales contain no novel features—they tell of "indignities," "beatings up" and "murders" of Germans. Nowhere outside the Axis countries and those of their subservient friends

will any credence be given to these reports.

Belgrade Not Deceived

Purpose of these tactics is fully appreciated in Belgrade and the Simovitch Government has the internal situation well in hand.

The Premier's spirited order of the day was welcomed in London as a sign that his Government as a whole is unmoved by Nazi pressure.

To the armed forces he said: "The army, air force and navy are prepared to do their duty," to civilians: "The interest of the country demands that you shall guard your homes and if necessary defend them at the cost of your lives for the sake of the Fatherland, King Peter and the nation."

There are signs that Axis diplomacy in the Balkans has become embarrassed by a shrewd suspicion of the former's responsibility for forcing her unlucky junior partner into the disastrous naval action.

Growing Burden

In informed circles in London it is believed that a general serious weakening in Axis strength has in consequence resulted, and that Italy must from now on be a growing burden to Germany, like Austria in 1917 and 1918.

With no heart in the war her deficiencies must constantly be made good by the Nazis.

Italy, it may be assumed, hears with growing anxiety the mounting note of bellicosity towards Yugoslavia in the German press. Italy has to consider her position in Albania if, in an effort to retrieve the failure of Ribbentrop's blackmail on the Tsvetkovitch regime, Germany should provoke hostilities with Yugoslavia.—British Wireless.

**NAZIS KEEP
UP TERROR
IN POLAND**

(From A Polish Correspondent)

The Nazi oppressors are continuing their campaign of terror and reprisals in Poland.

Mass raids and deportations to concentration camps are carried out constantly.

Many of the victims of the Gestapo are sent to forced labour in Germany, where they are employed at most dangerous work, and under the worst conditions.

Others are sent to concentration camps, where they suffer the most degenerate cruelty.

Must Sign

The most notorious camp is near Oswiecim, near Cracow, on the former Polish-Czech frontier.

Only very few are being released from this camp.

Those who are — because of serious illness or through influential intervention — must sign a declaration that they will never disclose what they have witnessed in the camp.

But horrible facts about the treatment in this camp have been revealed by a man who escaped.

He was arrested in Warsaw during a street raid and imprisoned with others in the riding school of a cavalry regiment.

They were held there for two days, their only food being a small ration of bread and water.

Then they were loaded on cattle trucks which were so crowded that it was impossible to sit down on the floor.

Bread Ration

All they got as food was one day's ration of bread, and the journey to Oswiecim lasted three days.

The conditions in Oswiecim camp are apt to cause the breakdown of any man over 45 within a fortnight.

At road-building work a number of prisoners are harassed to a heavy street-roller and forced to drive it on by terrific beating.

Some of the prisoners are not shod and are forced to drive the roller on the gravel barefooted.

The slightest displeasure of their Nazi masters brings punishment to the prisoners.

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50 PATIENTS, GAVE
HIMSELF AWAY****THERE IS A London job awaiting 62-years-old
James Beddie Young when he has served his six-
months sentence in Dundee for theft.**

He earned it during a recent night raid in the London area when he crawled from bomb debris with two head wounds and prevented panic among 50 men patients of an institution.

He refused medical attention and urged doctors and nurses to continue treating the wounded while single-handed he calmed a ward of male inmates while bombs still dropped.

His bravery put Scotland Yard on his track and landed him behind bars. He was wanted for stealing £25 10s. from a fellow-lodger in Dundee.

Despite his criminal record, the doctor in charge wants Young back. When he was arrested he offered through the local C.I.D. to pay the man's fine and his fare

back to the institution—and his old job.

"He Was Grand"

Sister Haddock, who worked beside Young after the bomb had dropped, said: "He was grand. When the bomb dropped he was reading a newspaper in the sitting-room."

"Somehow he managed to crawl out from under the debris. He had two cuts in his head which were bleeding badly, but he carried on and calmed a whole ward of men patients."

"He came to us about two months ago as a male nurse from Dundee. We will be glad to have him back despite his record."

When Young was convicted of the theft he said nothing about his rescue work.

Fiercest Fighting Of African War Before Asmara Fell

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Forces in Eritrea, from Asmara)

IT TOOK THREE MONTHS OF THE FIERCEST FIGHTING OF THE WAR IN AFRICA TO REACH ASMARA, CAPITAL OF ITALY'S OLDEST COLONY. THE CITY STANDS ON A GREAT 7,000-FOOT HIGH PLATEAU, PROTECTED ON ALL SIDES BY DIMINISHING RANGES OF HILLS.

Our troops advanced more than 250 miles across country designed for defence, stubbornly pushing back an enemy more than twice their number.

The Italians had an advantage through native troops used to the country. They are renowned fighters but their spirit was broken at Keren by the stubbornness of the British and Indians.

Between Keren and Asmara the Italian High Command appeared to pin its faith on the crack Savoy Grenadiers and other white troops freshly brought from Addis Ababa, but these quickly crumbled before the dash and determination of our forces.

That the Eritrean campaign has been virtually terminated before the rains come is due to the tremendous energy of the general commanding the operation who, although he drove his troops hard, never found response lacking.

Signal Feats

For the greater part of the time our men were fighting on the tops of steep hills two, three and four thousand feet high, yet they always were plentifully supplied with water.

All whom I asked said rations were astonishingly good.

The Signal Corps performed extraordinary feats throughout the campaign. During the Battle of Keren alone they laid 300 miles of wire, keeping it in order over ground constantly swept by machine-gun fire and mortars.

Sappers were also unusually prominent since rapid advance depended upon the speed with which they cleared the numerous blocks in the road.

At all but one of these blocks they had to work under fire, yet they cleared them within 12 hours.

Grenadiers Destroyed

In breaking through the fourth road block encountered, our troops destroyed a battalion of Savoy Grenadiers.

Our armoured vehicles advanced along the road to Asmara, Indian troops ranged over the hills on both sides, pushing the Italians off the heights, and simultaneously another mobile force advanced down the railway six miles to the south. Capitulation of the capital was the sequel.—Reuter.

THE POLITE POLE

The Poles are noted for their politeness. Their greeting is always accompanied by a bow. It is quite impossible to induce one of them to precede you through a door.

At a certain bomber station there were a number of Poles who were certainly no less polite than their compatriots. The climax came one day when a section of the British pilots were setting off on a mission that was generally known to be exceptionally hazardous.

As they left the mess they found the Poles drawn up at the door. Their spokesman had in his hand an English dictionary. He stepped forward.

"God pickle you, gentlemen," he said.

The English language is full of pitfalls, and perhaps not the least of them concerns the words "pickle" and "preserve."

R.A.F. OFFICER FOUND SHOT

Flying Officer Basil le Gay Jones, forty-one, of Newmarket Road, Cambridge, was found shot at his home. A revolver was by his side.

He was taken to hospital, but died soon after.

TRAINS HIS TROOPS TO SHUN SLEEP

So fit were men of the Royal Ulster Rifles and the South Lancshires, who have just taken part in infantry manoeuvres, that they carried on from the morning of the attack until the afternoon two days afterwards without sleep.

And they went through the next day on the small amount of food in their haversacks.

That, said the corps commander, was the only way to train men nowadays — so that they could go forty-eight hours without sleep or rest except for what they could snatch at odd moments.

"The soldier," he said, "must be physically, mentally and militarily fit to carry out his tasks. Otherwise it's no good going to war."

He has carried his system of training to the point of insisting that every man in his command, from general to private, shall do a seven-mile cross-country run every week.

"It's Knowing How"

"It pumps the tobacco out of their bellows," he said. "It pumps the gin out of the young officer too much disposed to the 'Let's have the other half' sort of thing."

About 25,000 men and 3,500 vehicles took part in the manoeuvres.

The success of the general's training methods were evident. Men in the middle of their third day's operations without sleep looked little more than jaded and were still able to go forward without any trouble.

Said the general: "There is nothing impossible — nothing impossible, if only you know how. But you must know how."

And the troops under him certainly do.

NECK BROKEN—LIVED 3 YEARS

AN INQUEST ON THE VICTIM OF A ROAD ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED THREE YEARS AGO IS TO BE HELD AT BRIGHTON.

For three years John Richardson, engineer, of New York Street, Brighton, who has just died, aged twenty-four, lay on his back paralysed and unable to move.

His neck was broken by a fall from his motor-cycle in a country lane in Sussex.

After spending two Christmases in hospital he asked to be taken home to Brighton. For nearly eighteen months his mother was his day and night nurse.

He chatted cheerily with friends who went in to read to him every day.

LETTERS TO PRISONERS

Three million letters and postcards have so far been forwarded to prisoners of war of all belligerents, according to a report of the Red Cross at Geneva.

The staff of the International Red Cross, which before the war totalled 400 voluntary workers, has been increased to 40,000, states

GERMANS FEEL POWER OF NEW TYPES OF BOMB

JUST OVER a year ago the first British bomb was dropped on German territory. It fell on the seaplane base on the island of Sylt, on March 18, 48 hours after the first German bombing attack was made on British soil. Nazi bombs had been dropped on the Orkneys, causing a number of civilian casualties.

Second stage in Britain's counter bombing of Germany consisted of attacks by the R.A.F. on military lines of communication in western Germany.

These attacks begun on May 11, 1940, and closely followed the Luftwaffe's bombing of Calais, in which many civilians were killed and injured and which heralded the German offensive in the west.

Since those first attacks, which resembled the preliminary sparring of a pair of boxers, the weight and tempo of bombing on both sides have grown.

Handicapped at the outset with numerical inferiority, the R.A.F. had to adopt a policy which ensured that its necessarily lighter punches, each landed where it would hurt most.

In a fight between a cruiser-weight and a heavyweight it is the heavier who can do the slogging. The lighter man, to win, must fight with his brain.

Changing Picture

But things have been changing. The four years' lead in air rearmament which the Nazis held has been gradually reduced.

Faster and bigger bombers and crews to man them have been pouring from Britain's factories and training schools, augmented by the growing resources of the Empire. The rising flood is now further swollen by supplies of aircraft from America.

Recently the Prime Minister was able to promise that the adverse balance of bombing under which Britain fought would presently be altered to the British advantage, and for some time past the R.A.F. has been using some of the biggest and fastest bombers in the world.

HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMBS OF A SIZE AND WEIGHT EQUAL TO ANYTHING DROPPED BY THE NAZIS FIND TARGETS IN THE GERMAN CAPITAL AND ELSEWHERE AND, AS DISCLOSED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, NEW TYPES OF BOMB WITH AN INCREASED EXPLOSIVE EFFECT FOR THEIR WEIGHT ARE ALSO BEING USED.—BRITISH WIRELESS



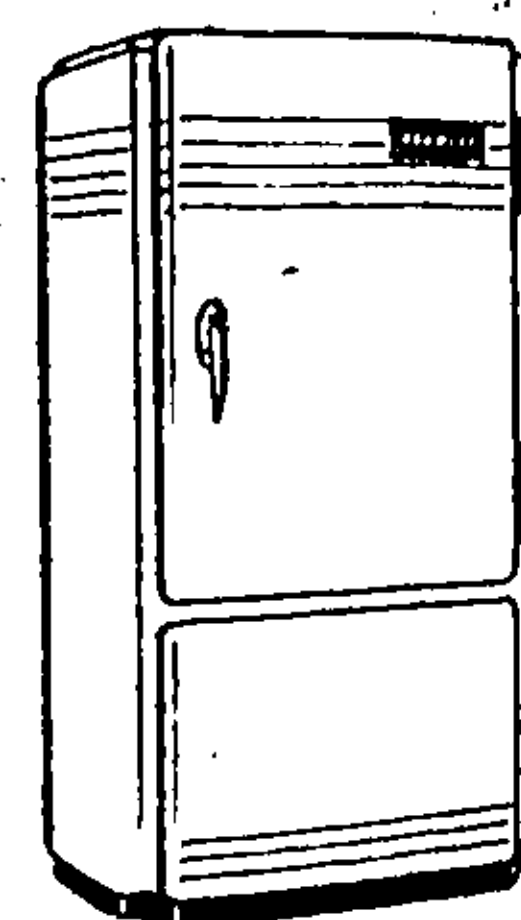
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Hong Kong, 29th March, 1941.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

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Notice to Shareholders

The THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on TUESDAY, the 15th April, 1941, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

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DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
24th March, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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1 "Singer" Sewing Machine.
1 Hand Sewing Machine.
1 Set Table Glass.
1 "Westinghouse" Refrigerator.
1 "Kelvinator" Refrigerator (in good condition).

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 7th day of April, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1888, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE

THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING, 1941

Races Nos. 7 and 11—Second Day—Coolgardie Stakes

Attention is drawn to the conditions of the above races, which should read as follows:—
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BRIDGE NOTES

Crime Doesn't Pay!

No. 37

By The Four Aces

To-day's crime hand isn't much of a problem, but it's the most amusing hand we've seen in months:

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ K Q 10 9 2
♥ A Q J 4
♦ 8 2
♣ Q 9

♠ 7 6 5 3
♥ 6 5
♦ 6 1 3
♣ 8 7 4 2

♠ A J 4
♥ K 10 9 8
♦ 3
♣ Q J 10 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♠	2♥
4♣	Pass	4♥	Dbt.
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the six of hearts, and South wished he hadn't overbid so much. But, as though he hadn't a care in the world, he finessed dummy's heart Jack. East took the King of hearts and went into a long huddle. Certainly, he reasoned, South must be void of spades

to bid the slam and lose the first trick so blithely. South must therefore have a lot of diamonds; so East returned a trump to prevent South from ruffing too many diamonds in the dummy.

All of this reasoning was a bit silly for the simple reason that South undoubtedly knew the location of the spade Ace. So if South had no spades, he would ruff out the Ace and set up dummy's long suit. East's only real chance was to lay down the spade Ace and hope for the best; and that play would, of course, have defeated the Slam.

What actually happened was much more interesting. When East returned a trump, South heaved a sigh of relief and ran all six trumps. Dummy discarded a diamond and three spades, but East found himself in trouble. He came down to the lone Ace of spades and three diamonds but dared not make any further discards in those suits, so had to discard a second heart. Thereupon South led his heart to cash three heart tricks in the dummy; and the last heart trick squeezed East once more!

Yesterday you were Howard Schenkon's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 7 5 3
♥ K 4 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ A 10 5 3

The bidding:
Schenkon Jacoby You Male
1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 2♠

ANSWER: Double. Your balanced hand leads you to believe that you will not have a particularly good play for five hearts but should beat four spades with top cards in the side suits. Failure to double makes your partner guess what action to take; and he doesn't know what type of hand you hold.

Score 100% for double, 40% for pass, 20% for five hearts.

Question No. 681

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, and you hold:

♠ 7 5 3
♥ K 8 4 2
♦ 8
♣ K J 5 3 2

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenkon You Male
1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 2♠

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



Gold digging Gertie says the bigger the stone the harder she falls.

STOLE AFTER RAID ORDEAL

Day after day the father of six children haunted the ruins of a bombed air-raid shelter. He was searching for the body of his motherless daughter, aged sixteen.

He search in vain.

Then he learned that the girl could not have been there on the night the shelter was hit.

Distracted, he toured the London hospitals until the police found her living elsewhere.

But the days and nights of anxiety had temporarily unbalanced his mind.

He stole a postal packet containing £2 10s.

At West London Police Court the man—John Thomas Nolan, aged forty-eight, a postman, of Braybrooke Road Hammersmith—was bound over and placed on probation.

It was stated that since the death of his wife eight years ago Nolan had been both mother and father to his family.

The Magistrate, Sir Gervais Bentoul, accepted Nolan's plea that his ordeal had unhinged his mind.

"Under the circumstances, I am not going to impose a sentence of imprisonment as it might otherwise have been my duty to do," said Sir Gervais.

"You have of course, been punished by losing a good job."

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Do you suffer with your stomach? Do you know the agony of wind, indigestion and stomach sickness? If so, read the letter below, and follow the good advice it contains.

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BAPB

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Vitamin C Easily Destroyed

Vitamin C is vital to the health of the blood vessels, it favours good bone and tooth formation, and cooperates with other vitamins in building defence against infection and bacterial poisons. It stimulates growth through increased appetite.

A lack of sufficient Vitamin C may be detected through very pale or bleeding gums; poor resistance to infections including colds; defective, soft teeth; tender joints and digestive disturbances.

Vitamin C is found abundantly in these foods: red peppers, green peppers, horseradish, parsley, kohlrabi, collards, liver, turnip greens, watercress, spinach and tomatoes.

It is found in appreciable amounts in these foods: grapefruit, lemon, orange and pineapple juices; brussels sprouts, average cabbage, cauliflower, gooseberries, yellow dried peaches, radish, green peas, turnips, cantaloupe, asparagus, tangerines, strawberries, raspberries, bananas and apples.

Protect Vitamin C Foods

As you scan the above list of foods you will see that most foods containing Vitamin C may be eaten raw—and they should be eaten raw in juice form or as salads. It has been discovered that Vitamin C is quickly destroyed through cooking and by storing as air attacks it. Try to eat the fruits and vegetables listed soon after you get them from the market or your diet will be sadly deficient in Vitamin C.



Any woman's smile is great enhanced by a set of strong, white teeth. HELEN PARRISH must have been fed sufficient Vitamins by an intelligent parent!

A large portion of Vitamin C is lost when foods are canned—some remains however, if canning is done under partial vacuum. Do not discard the water from Vitamin C canned foods.

How It Is Concentrated

If your own common sense convinces you that you might benefit by a larger supply of Vitamin C, you should include foods containing it in two of every three meals. If your physician determines that you are woefully lacking this valuable Vitamin you may take it in concentrated form. However, abundant fresh fruit juices and fresh vegetables juices (extracted by a juicer), or fruit and vegetable salads, are the best method of giving nature a hand and should be tried first. Persons who suffer constantly with colds have found sufficient Vitamin C to be the cure. Every housewife should acquaint herself with the new hand or electric juicers which separate the juice from the pulp of any vegetable or fruit. With few exceptions the entire vegetable and fruit (including skin) should be put into the juicer after washing thoroughly. Valuable nourishment is contained in most skins.

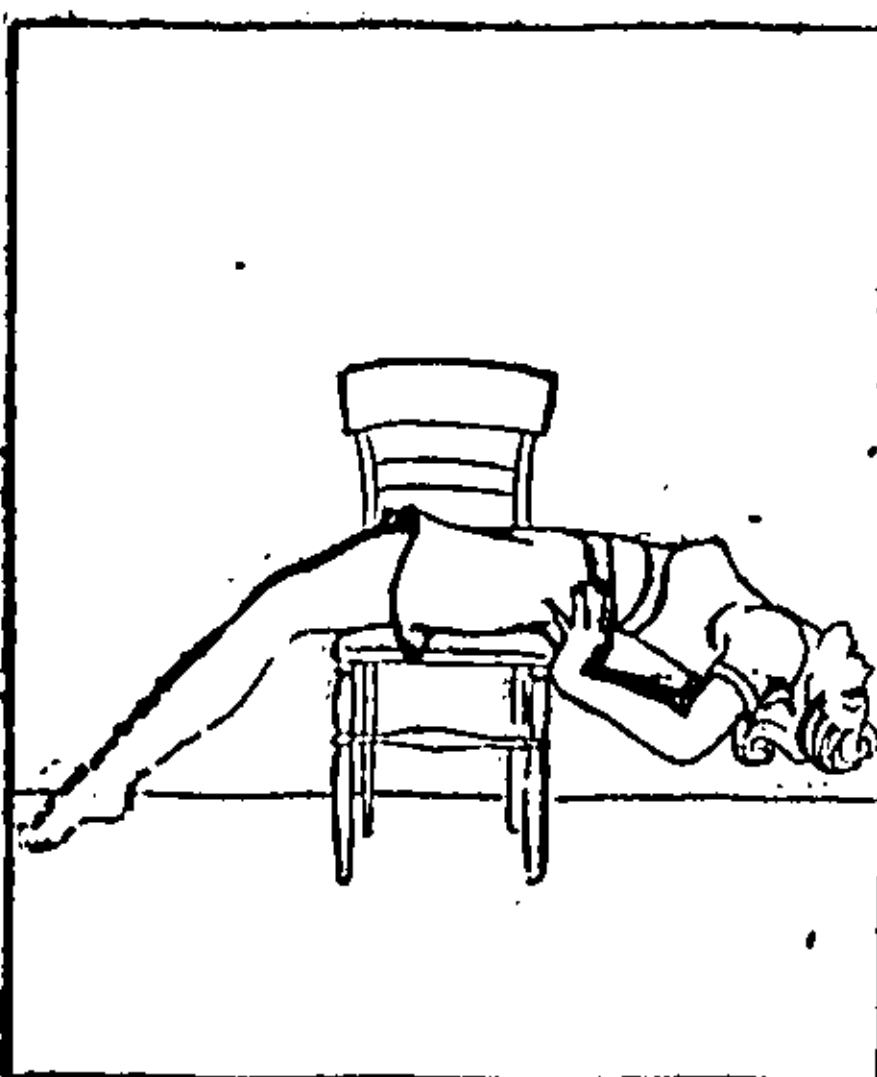
hard mattress, or on a softer mattress supported by four-inch wide slats. The slats are placed about eighteen inches apart across the bed. They prevent the mattress from sagging and thus your spine gets better support throughout the night. No person interested in good health should sleep on a soft or feather mattress.

Another cardinal rule to follow is—do not slouch when you walk or stand. Your spine desires to be held erect. If you stand in good posture with abdomen drawn in and up, shoulders back though relaxed, head nicely balanced on tip of spine, and buttocks tucked under, you will sense a relief from fatigue. While shopping or working about the house, pause a moment to stand in good posture and it will amaze you how quickly fatigue will banish. If you can breathe in fresh air for a moment or two as you thus stand, a physical well-being will be experienced.

Limber & Strengthen Spine

If your backbone doesn't respond to your bidding you are bound to have aches and pains. Your normal, healthy posture depends upon a limber and strong spine and if you suffer backaches the chances are your spine needs exercise and perhaps a new mattress!

Let's test the flexibility of your spine first. Place a straight back chair or bench in the centre of the room. Lie across it (as illus-



Stiff spines can be limbered by this simple back-bending exercise.

trated) so your sacrum rests on the seat. Your upper spine is free of the chair and so are your legs from knees down.

Place your hands on your hips and KEEPING YOUR FEET TOUCHING FLOOR, lower your head toward floor slowly. Bend down as far as you can and then slowly rise to sitting position. Rehearse five times first day and add one count each day following. In a few days you should be able to touch the floor with your head, and rise very, very slowly to a sitting position.

At first, unless you are most flexible, you will have to help yourself up to the sitting position. Later all aid is taboo! This exercise, incidentally, is splendid for strengthening the abdomen muscles too.

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MONDAY, APRIL 7

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Mantovani & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Meet Me Down in Sunset Valley, Sunday in the Park; Slow Fox-Trot—There goes my Dream; Quickstep—You've done something to my heart (from 'Lights up'); Fox-Trots—My Heaven in the Pines; Have You Ever Been in Heaven?; Quickstep—Could Be; Fox-Trot—The Pretty Little Quaker Girl; Waltz—Little Sir Echo.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Variety with Florence Desmond, Jack Warner and Tommy Handley.

Comedian—I Didn't Order 'A Eit It'; Somebody's Asked Me... Jack Warner, Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 7—Intro: Haunting Me; Jump on the Wagon; When Day is done... Charlie Kunz. Impersonations—A Hollywood Bridge Game—Intro: Jimmy Durante, Zasu Pitts, Lupe Velez and Mae West... Florence Desmond, Piano—Alligator Crawl (Waller); Viper's Drag (Waller)... 'Fats' Waller. Comedian—Who Is That Man...? The Night That We Met in a Black-out... Tommy Handley with Piano acc.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan.

'Ruddigore'—Overture... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent; Fair Is Rose as Bright May-Day... Alice Moxon and Chorus of Girls; My Boy, You May Take It From Me... George Baker & Derek Oldham; If Well His Suit Has Sped... Chorus of Girls; In Sailing O'er Life's Ocean Wide... Muriel Dickson, Derek Oldham & George Baker; Cheerily Carols the Lark... Nellie Briercliffe (Sop.).

The Pirates of Penzance—Pour, O Pour, The Pirate Sherry... Stuart Robertson & Male Chorus; When Fredric Was a Little Lad... Dorothy Gill; Stay, We Must Not Lose Our Senses... Derek Oldham and Chorus of Girls; Hold, Monsters! E. Griffith, George Baker, Stuart Robertson and Chorus; I Am The Very Model of A Modern Major General... George Baker and Chorus.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quickstep—Little Boy Bubbles; 6/8—Entente Cordiale... Jack 'Trump' Doyle & His Aces of Rhythm. Fox-Trots—A Small Cafe by Notre Dame; A Little Rain Must Fall... Joe Loss & His Band. Tango—By The Black Sea... George Boulanger & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Boogie Boogie; Patty Cake, Patty Cake... The Six Swingers. Waltz—I Love Thee; Waltz—Children of Spring... Harry Horlick & His Orch.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Meet Uncle Sam'.

7.30 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—Ida, Sweet as Apple Cider (Leonard)... Bing Crosby with Instrumental acc. Orch.—Tiroly—Java Accordion; Joli Pinson—Polka... L'Accordeoniste Deprince & His Orchestra. Vocal—I've Got A Pain In My Sawdust (Warner); Polly Wolly-Doodle (from 'The Little Rebel')... Mae Questal (The Betty Boop Girl) with Orchestra. Vocal—Home on the Range (Gulon)... Bing Crosby with Orchestra. Piano—Accordeon Band—All Pals Together... London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal. Vocal—Brother, Can You Spare A Dime (Harburg & Gorney)... Bing Crosby with Orchestra. Piano-Accordeon Band—Let The Curtain Come Down (Newman)... London Piano-Accordeon Band with Vocal... Vocal—Swing, Mister Charlie (Brooks & Others)... Judy Garland with Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Hawaiian Guitar Solos.

Charm of Hawaii (Bordin); Hawaii March (Bordin)... Gino Bordin with accompaniment. Bebe D'Amour (Shelton & Brooks); Tango Delle Rose (Bottero)... Serge Krotkoff with accompaniment. An Old Ha-

PENSION RISE FOR SEAMEN

Merchant Navy men and fishermen are to receive the rates of compensation paid to those of equivalent ranks of the Royal Navy.

An amended scheme for pensions and allowances was revealed at Cardiff by the Minister of Pension, Sir Walter Womersley.

Allowances may be paid to the family of a captured mariner while he is detained by the enemy, and the scheme also applies to members of the fishing fleet, pilotage and light vessel services.

Under a special arrangement between the shipowners and the State, surviving masters, officers and men of ships lost or wrecked will be eligible for full wages for one month following the loss of the vessel.

As soon as notification is received of the loss of a vessel shipowners will be approached for information so that applications from widows or other dependants may at once be invited.

Questioned about the speeding up of pensions and allowances for the victims of bombing raids at home, the Minister revealed that members of his department have been specially designed to rush to "blitzed" towns to investigate claims immediately.

Walter Guitart (Leon & Towers)...

Len Fillis with Piano.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band and

Ninon Vallin (Soprano).

Theatre Memories—'The Gaiety'—Intro: When I Marry Amelia; Queen of My Heart; A Little bit of string; Bedelia; Mary; Brighton; They Wouldn't Believe Me; 365 Days; Song of the Vagabonds; Every Woman Thinks She Wants to Wander; Rocking with you... Debroy Somers Band with Chorus. Dolores (Waldteufel)... Ninon Vallin (Soprano) with Orchestra. 'Casanova'—Selection (J. Strauss)... Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan. Vaux—Tu Partir Un Jour? (Adaptation of Tango—Albeniz); Berceuse De Jocelyne (Gardard)... Ninon Vallin (Soprano) with Piano and 'Cello. Ballroom Waltz Memories—Intro: The Skaters; The Choristers; The Cuckoo; After the Ball... Debroy Somers Band.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.

9.30 p.m.—A Saint-Saens Programme.

Introduction Et Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 28... Renee Chemet (Violin) with Piano acc.; Le Cygne... Leslie Jeffries & His Orchestra; Softly Awakes My Heart (from 'Samson & Delilah')... Maria Olczewska (Contralto) with Orchestra; Septet, Op. 65—Preamble-Menuet-Intermezzo-Gavotte and Finale... M.M. Foveau (Trumpet), Cantrelle (1st Violin), Bellanger (2nd Violin), Vieux (Violoncelle), Marnett (Cello), Nanny (Double-bass) and Faure (Piano).

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—To Talk of Many Things.

10.15 p.m.—Gounod's 'Faust' Act III. Characters and Soloists in order of their appearance: Siebel, Village Youth... Doris Vane (Soprano); Faust... Heddle Nash (Tenor); Mephistopheles... Robert Easton (Bass); Marguerite... Miriam Licette (Soprano); Martha, Marguerite's Friend... Muriel Brunskill (Contralto); with Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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CHUNGKING OFFICIAL CHANGES

At the final general meeting in Chungking yesterday of the C.E.C. Plenary Session, the following decisions affecting personnel changes were reached:

Dr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to Great Britain, is to be Minister of Foreign Affairs, succeeding Dr. Wang Chung-hui, who becomes Secretary-General of the Supreme National Defence Council.

General Chang Chun, Chairman of the Szechwan Provincial Government, who has been concurrently Secretary-General of the Council, is relieved of the latter post.

Mr. Liu Wei-tze, Vice-Minister of Railways, is appointed Minister of Overseas Affairs, replacing General Wu Te-chen who is to be Secretary-General of the Central Party Headquarters, succeeding Mr. Yeh Chu-tsang, resigned owing to ill-health.

Messrs. Chen Ching-yun and Tai Hui-sheng are appointed Vice-Ministers of Overseas Affairs.

Mr. Tseng Yang-fu is relieved of his post as Acting Vice-Minister of the Organisation Department of the Central Party Headquarters and is succeeded by Mr. Chang Chung.

A Ministry of Foreign Trade and a Food Control Ministry is to be created under the Executive Yuan.

STAG HUNT: M.P.'S QUESTION

A stag hunt at Carnforth, Lancs, will be mentioned in the House of Commons when Mr. J. R. Leslie (Soc., Sedgefield) asked the Minister of Agriculture if his attention has been called to a case of cruelty following the hunt.

Mr. Leslie asks whether, to put a stop to this practice whereby animals endure torture, the Minister "will take action under the Emergency Powers Defence Act to authorise persons to enter upon land and to take steps for the killing and removal of deer, hares, and rabbits, thereby serving a useful purpose by adding to the food supply of the nation."

BREAK INTO CELL, SAVE PRISONER

WITH PICKS, bars and sledge hammers, a police superintendent and a prison officer toiled for three and a half hours, breaking through the wall of a cell to rescue a prisoner trapped in the bombing of Walton Prison, Liverpool.

Their effort was not in vain — they dug the man out exhausted, but not seriously hurt. And these were the conditions in which they worked:

German planes were overhead.

They had only pocket lamps to light the darkness.

The air was poisoned by escaping gas.

Water from broken mains was flooding the wreckage.

Walls and roof of the whole prison wing were in danger of collapse.

For their heroism, it was announced, Superintendent Edward Nichols, of Liverpool Police, and Prison Officer John Joseph were awarded the George Medal.

The only method of rescue was to break through the cell wall. The rescuers did it, working, the official record says, "in the worst imaginable conditions."

For his part in the rescue Frederick Albert Bowyer, chief officer of the prison, is awarded the O.B.E. Medal.

The London Gazette announces the award of nine other George Medals, eleven other Medals of the Civil Division of the O.B.E. and nineteen commendations.

Mr. Campbell Joseph Kelly, O.B.E., who also holds the Military Cross and Military Medal, receives the G.M.

He is control officer of the Coventry Works Air Defence Department, and on the night of an intensive raid gave inspiring leadership to his men.

Other George Medals go to: George Ralton Liverpool, who saved two women. He got one out by sawing through a coal cupboard and the leg of a kitchen dresser just before the debris collapsed.

Henry Frederick Shimmings, Twickenham A.R.P., who when three of his men were gassed, entered a tunnel of debris to reach a trapped woman.

SQUADRON'S PROUD RECORD

A Bomber squadron may endure many changes, but it will always keep an essential unity; the trials and successes of its individuals are merged in the history of the squadron as a whole.

What follows, a typical record of one such squadron, may seem a disconnected series of incidents, but it will not seem so to the squadron itself; each succeeding trial overcome, or task well performed, becomes part of the corporate experience of all its members.

The squadron was formed in July, 1917 as a Home Defence Fighter Squadron, one of three intended to combat German daylight raids. The squadron was disbanded on December 31, 1919, and reformed as a heavy bomber squadron in 1937. In this war it was the first squadron in the R.A.F. to take off on operations as a squadron. It already has five enemy aircraft to its credit, the first falling to it during the daylight raid on Christiansand, the other four in night operations since June.

The squadron is proud of its part in reducing the defensive strength of the Luftwaffe, and equally proud of the sixteen D.F.C.'s and twelve D.F.M.'s and one bar won by its pilots, navigators and rear gunners. The bar to the D.F.M. was given to an Irish sergeant-pilot for an astonishing low-level attack on an important military objective in the heart of Berlin.

The Irish element is strong; the Squadron Commander, who has been with the squadron for over eight months, is an Ulsterman, his two immediate predecessors were Irish, and both his flight commanders come from the same country—one from the North and one from the South. One of its Commanders in the last war has been the commander of the group to which it belongs since the beginning of this war.

The squadron has seen active service in nearly all European theatres of war. The commander said, "We started quietly, dropping leaflets over north-west Germany, and then things began to 'hot up,' and we spread our wings further and further afield. We have come to consider any target less than three hours away as a short, though not necessarily easy, journey."

The squadron has played its part in disrupting Germany's transport system, oil supplies and industrial effort as well as bombing its aerodromes, naval bases and invasion ports. It was one of the first squadrons to take up minelaying, and this has taken the crews on journeys of well over a thousand miles.

The longest flight any aircraft of the squadron has so far made was on Poland's day of independence, when Danzig was visited. The aircraft which made this flight was in service when war broke out; on the way out the crew met electrical storms and had to contend with icing; as a whole the flight was one of the most severe tests to which the squadron has ever been put.

BOMBED AIR GIRLS GET M.M.

Two members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force have been awarded the Military Medal for gallant conduct.

They are Acting Sergeant Jean Mary Youle and Acting Corporal Avis Joan Hearn. Sergeant Youle is nineteen. She was on duty at an R.A.F. station telephone exchange in August last year when it was attacked by fire raiders.

A bomb scored a direct hit on the building containing the telephone exchange, other bombs fell near.

"Superb Example"

"It was solely due to the cool bravery and superb example of Sergeant Youle that the telephone operators carried on with their task with calmness and complete efficiency at a most dangerous time for them," says the "London Gazette," announcing the awards.

Sergeant Youle is the daughter of Staff Captain J. S. Youle, of Castle Road, Weybridge, Surrey. Her only brother is a naval cadet.

Mrs. Youle told a reporter "Jean did not say a word to me about the medal although she has written several times since August."

Acting Corporal Hearn was working alone in a block of buildings controlling telephones. Several heavy bombs fell alongside, doing very considerable damage.

Throughout the attack Corporal Hearn remained at her post in the building, which threatened to collapse, doing her work as far as the terrific noise would permit.

Saved Ammunition

"This airwoman displayed courage and devotion to duty of the highest order," says the London Gazette.

Military Medals were also awarded to Leading Aircraftman Sydney Ledward and Aircraftman (2nd Class) Oliver Henry Hewitt.

Ledward gave first-aid to twenty-five casualties and moved five others to safety while enemy raiders were raining bombs on an air station.

Later in the month, during another raid, he coolly gave first-aid again to casualties.

Hewitt, by his calmness and courage, saved an ammunition store in spite of continued enemy air activity.

He volunteered to control a fire which threatened the ammunition store, and drove the station crane from its partially demolished garage — although the petrol tank of the crane was punctured and petrol was pouring towards the fire.

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ENGINEERS WIN TITLE

Air Force Third Division Championship Chances

SMALL UNITS CRICKET

YOUNG, MARTIN AND LOGAN GIVE R.A.S.C. GOOD START IN FINAL

AS THE RESULT of brilliant bowling by Young and Martin, and a big innings by Logan, Royal Service Corps were in a strong position in the Army Small Units cricket final against Fifth A.A. Regiment, at the end of the first day's play yesterday.

ST. JOHN'S BEAT K.C.C.

By "Adrem"

At Club de Recreio last night, St. John's by virtue of a 6-3 victory over Kowloon Cricket Club, qualified to meet Chung Wah in the "B" Division Inter-Sectional badminton League play-off.

For a match of this description the standard was exceptionally low and few games provided very much of interest. Mistakes were made freely by both sides and lengthy rallies were few and far between.

In the absence of R. Maynard, G. W. Giffen was brought into the Cathedral team to partner G. Ladd, but this apart, both teams were at full strength.

St. John's relied upon two pairs to carry them through and these players did not fail. Eardley and David Kwok, although making dreadful mistakes at times, were never really extended, the terrific smashing of the former and the speed and forecourt accuracy of Kwok proving unbeatable.

Kwok was inclined to assume more of the exchanges than was necessary and this threw the pair out of balance on many occasions.

Norman Smith was the finest player on view on either side. His speed and recoveries combined with a decisive smash and delicate forecourt game, offset any weaknesses in Wilson's game, although the latter also played creditably.

Ladd and Giffen played pluckily but were outclassed.

First Pair Off-Form

Wynter-Blyth and Fisher, the K.C.C. No. 1 pair, did not do as well as was expected. The latter took a long time to settle down in the first game against Kwok and Eardley, who ran into a long lead. Later Fisher played very well and played a big part in the late recovery which enabled the pair to finish with 15 aces.

Against Smith and Wilson, Fisher and Wynter-Blyth were completely demoralised by Smith's smashing and they did not do themselves justice.

The other two K.C.C. pairs were very erratic and showed little combination, all four players being well below normal form.

St. John's led 2-1 after the first round; 4-2 after the second, and won the match at 5-2. Following were the scores: P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher.

(K.C.C.)
lost to H. C. Eardley and D. Kwok 15-21
beat G. W. Giffen and G. S. Ladd 21-2
lost to N. L. Smith and P. Wilson 11-21
J. L. Anderson and E. Zimmern.

(K.C.C.)
lost to Eardley and Kwok 10-21
beat Giffen and Ladd 21-5
lost to Smith and Wilson 12-21
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest.

(K.C.C.)
lost to Eardley and Kwok 11-21
beat Giffen and Ladd 21-7
lost to Smith and Wilson 11-21

CHOY TO PLAY P.K. HOOL

The Finals of the Intra-University Badminton Tournaments will be played off on Saturday commencing at 2 p.m. at the Eu Tong-sen Gymnasium.

All the matches promise to be close and exciting affairs.

The best game should be between K. W. Choy, the brilliant newcomer from Malaya, and P. K. Hool, former Colony triple title-holder.

This will be the first time that Choy will meet really serious opposition.

Following is the programme:—

MEN'S SINGLES
K. W. Choy v P. K. Hool.

MEN'S DOUBLES
T. T. Chin and C. Y. Lee v K. B. Low and P. K. Hool.

LADIES' DOUBLES
Miss S. Patashinsky and Miss M. Falima v Miss Li Wal-kuen and Miss L. Ghows.

MIXED DOUBLES
Miss K. J. Hung and K. W. Choy v Miss L. Ghows and H. F. Chew.

Exhibition Matches

MIXED DOUBLES
Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveria v Miss U. Khoo and P. S. Sun.

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Are Jeopardised Shield Finalists Bow To Royals

By "Referee"

THE WINNING of the Second Division title by Engineers, as the result of an easy win over Sing Tao, the defeat of Royal Navy, one of the senior Shield Finalists at the hands of Royal Scots and the Air Force's lapse in Third Division—which may cause a play-off for the title with Signals—when they were held to a draw by 36th Royal Artillery, were the outstanding features of yesterday's football games.

Air Force dropped a very valuable point when they were held to a one-all draw at Happy Valley in their postponed game against 36th Royal Artillery after being in arrears at the interval.

Air Force were well served by two good backs in Edmunds and Hemley and it was the good work of these two that prevented Gash from being unduly troubled. They proved the greatest obstacle to the Gunners' forwards. In the pivotal position Berry also played well. He kept his forwards well supplied with passes and was always up to assist them. Neither of his wing halves assisted the attack much but did well on the defensive.

Ho Kar-keung was slow in the attack though he was seen in several good movements. Bartlett and Mansfield were the better wing combination and the latter often covered ground quickly but did not centre too well.

Good Wingers

Boh the Gunners' wingers, Burgess, on the right and Good-enough, on the left, were fast and were the source of continual danger to Air Force defence. Jones in the centre-forward berth required constant watching and it was fortunate that both Edmunds and Hemley, the opposing backs, were in form.

Evans played a hard game in the centre-half berth while Ainsworth generally had the better of Goodwin, the right-winger. Gwyther and Todd were safe backs while Waller brought off some good saves particularly in the second half.

Gunners scored early in the game through Burgess and held that lead till the interval. Bartlett equalised for Air Force early in the second half.

AIR FORCE—Gash, Hemley, Edmunds, Connolly, Berry, Palling, Goodwin, Richardson, Ho Kar-keung, Bartlett and Mansfield.

36TH R.A.—Waller, Gwyther, Todd, Weldrick, Evans, Ainsworth, Burgess, Whitmore, Jones, Dochard and Good-enough.

ROYAL NAVY LOSE

Royal Scots beat Royal Navy by 3 goals to 1 at Sookunpoo yesterday in the First Division.

In the first half, Navy had full share of the play and after the forwards had indulged in some nice movements, Hendy ran through on his own to score the first goal. At this stage, the whole Naval team were playing grand football, the defence keeping the Scots' forwards well in check, while their own forwards were continually shooting.

In the second half, the Scots' team improved greatly, and after Hossack had equalised through a penalty, Au'd added two quick goals, both of which were headed into the net.

Navy tried hard to reduce the arrears, but the stout defence of the Scots held them back.

ROYAL NAVY—Giff, Roughley, O'Brian, Paul, Hazard, Layhe, Wharmby, Le Page, Hendy, Barber and Hawkins.

ROYAL SCOTS—Bankier, Naysmith, Fraser, Adamson, Parnaby, Marshall, Hossack, James, Auld, Munro and Gilroy.

Sappers Win Title

Royal Engineers won the Second Division Championship when they convincingly beat Sing Tao by 3 goals to 1 at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Engineers' defence kept the Sappers' Chinese forwards from attacking and, as a result, Moxham, in goal, had little to do.

Fox opened the score for the Engineers five minutes from the start and, there was no further scoring in the first half.

On resumption, Engineers scored through Li Wal-lam and in a raid, the Chinese replied through Tam Woon-cheung. A few minutes later Birrell made the game safe with a well-placed goal.

ROYAL ENGINEERS—Moxham, Palmer, Tam, Chung-pak, Chan Ying-kuen, Shaw, Taylor, Li Wal-lam, Birrell, Fox, Pelham, F. Jones.

SING TAO—Yee U-tak, Kwok Ping-tong, Richard King, Shih Yau-san, Lau Tin-sun, Tam Chun-fat, Chu Kam-sing, Shiu Din-lim, Fung Kwai-shing, Tam Moon-cheung, Cheong Moon-wing.

30TH R.A. BEAT

POLICE

At Boundary Street, 30th Royal Artillery beat Police in Second Division by the only goal scored, by Webber in the first half.

Gunners were the better team and most of the play was in Police half. The Police were weak in front of goal and their finishing poor.

Tate, Tuckley and Guille were outstanding for Gunners, while Hogart and Bodie were the best of the Police players.

SHIELD FINALS

SATURDAY WEEK

At the meeting of the League Management Committee, of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday it was decided that the Finals of the Shield competitions will be played on Saturday, April 12 on Navy ground.

The Champions versus Rest game will be played on Monday, April 14 at Caroline Hill after which the trophies of the various divisions will be distributed.

The Final game of the Governor's Cup Competition will be played on Cub ground on Saturday, April 19.

The following have been chosen to represent The Rest against South China (First Division champions):

Bankier, Roughley and Blackburn, Freshwater, Hsu King-seng and Thomas, Fowler, Fung, King-cheung, Hendy (Capt.), Barber and Hau, Ching-to.

Reserves:—Lapsley, Fraser, Bright, Maxwell, Soong Ling-sing, Lepage, Howlett, Ferrier and Reiteren.

SOCCER INTERPORT

At the meeting of the League Management Committee held yesterday evening it was decided to send invitations to the following players to participate in the annual Interport soccer match with Macao which is to take place in the Portuguese Colony on April 20.

Fowler, Riertsen, Blackburn, Pope, Howlett, Ferrier, Maxwell, Lapsley, Lee Wal-tong (Capt.), Cheong Wing-choi, Tsang Chung-wan, Fung King-cheung, Soong Ling-sing, Hsu King-sing and Hau Ching-to.

DOUBLE T.K.O. IS

UNSATISFACTORY

While Michigan's boxing commissioner, John J. Hettche, has upheld a verdict of a double technical knockout ending a recent Detroit bout, he is conferring with authorities in other states to arrive at a more satisfactory decision when both fighters are injured.

Writes a correspondent from Detroit: In a fight between Pat Carroll and Sammy Secret, Referee Clarence Rosen decreed a double T.K.O. when the commission physician said both fighters were unable to continue because of cuts.

CAPT. HYDE BEATEN

THE ANNUAL Hong Kong Rifle Association prize meeting continued at Kowloon Rifle Range yesterday in favourable weather, although the standard was again not very high.

The major event of the day was the Deliberate Competition, in which seven scores of 23 were returned. No fewer than 207 men participated.

In the individual services revolver championship, Captain Hyde, of Manchester Regiment, who has been the holder for the last two years, could only finish seventh, the event being won by Capt. G. C. Dawson, of the 1st Middlesex Regiment, with the score of 88.

Nalk Deosaran Singh, of 5/7th Rajputana Rifles, scored 84 points. 17 competitors took part in the event. H.M.S. Tamar won the falling plate competition while the Company team match was not completed yesterday owing to a late start and will be decided this morning.

Following were yesterday's results with scores in the bracket: Deliberate Competition (Open Prize)—1, Ghulam Mohamed, H.K.P., (23) or Mne. Crofts, R.M., (23); 3, Pte. Coutts, 2 R.S., (23); 4, C.S.M. Stanford, 2 R.S., (23) or

Sgt. Rushman, R.M., (23); 6, Sgt. Cole, R.M., (23); 7, Sgt. McWilliam, 2 R.S., (23); 8, Pte. Stewart, 2 R.S., (22); 9, Sgt. Menhick, R.M., (22) and 10, Sgt. J. R. Wall, H.K.P., (22).

Special Prize—1, Edms. Nix, 1st Mdx., (21); 2, Pte. Higgins, 2 R.S., (20); 3, Pte. Bell-Chambers, 1st Mdx., (18); 4, Pte. Ward, 1st Mdx., (18); 5, L/Cpl. Quickenden, 1st Mdx., (17); 6, L.A.C. Callaghan, R.A.E., (16); 7, Pte. Burke, 1st Mdx., (13) and 8, L/Cpl. Mun-chenhach, 1st Mdx., (13).

Falling Plate Competition (Semi-Finals):—"C" Company, Middlesex Regiment beat "D" Company, 5/7th Rajputana Rifles and H.M.S. Tamar beat H.Q. 5/7th Rajputana Rifles.

Final—H.M.S. Tamar beat "C" Company, Middlesex Regiment.

Individual Services Revolver Championship—1, Capt. G. C. Dawson, 1st Mdx., (88); 2, Nalk Deosaran Singh, 5/7th R.R., (84); 3, R.Q.M.S. Hale, 1st Mdx., (80); 4, B.M. Kiford, 1st Mdx., (70).

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SIMON ASTOUNDS CRITICS

CHAMPION HIT AND HURT FOR 13 GOOD ROUNDS

RELENTLESSLY PUNISHING his big, youthful foe with murderous blows, Joe Louis, world heavy-weight champion recently successfully defended his title for the 15th time by scoring a technical knock-out over Abe Simon of New York in the 13th round of a title bout set for 20 rounds at the Olympia Stadium, cables Jack Cuddy from Detroit.

Battered and bleeding after providing the champion with the most serious opposition since the Brown Bomber was knocked out by Max Schmeling in 1936, Abe Simon was saved from complete slaughter by Referee Sam Hennessey, who halted the bout.

Simon, heavily punished, was sent crashing to the canvas twice in the fatal 13th round before the referee halted the fight. The big New York youth was game, but he was too weak and groggy to oppose Louis who was bent on making a kill in the 13th round and the referee wisely stopped the bout one minute 20 seconds after the start of the round.

To Meet Again

But in astounding the boxing world by lasting as long as he did, Simon earned the right to meet the "invincible" negro again on May 16.

Mike Jacobs, outstanding boxing promoter, immediately after the fight announced that Louis and Simon would clash in a return bout in New York's Madison Square Garden on May 16. The return fight would be set for fifteen rounds, he said.

Nineteen thousand spectators, a record indoor crowd for Detroit, were flabbergasted as the young New York Hebrew held his own with Louis for a good part of the fight.

The spectators came to see another speedy "execution" by Louis, but stayed to see a young boxer, who only recently climbed into the first ten top heavyweights, hit and hurt Louis and not for a few rounds but for 13 frames.

"Man-Mountain"

Known as "Man-Mountain" because of his size, Simon showed no fear and he waded into his heavy-hitting opponent from the start.

But Louis was too crafty and fast for his powerful foe. Twice before the "unlucky" 13th, Simon ran into deadly blows and sprawled on the canvas for counts. At one time he nearly landed in the press row as Louis hit him a terrific blow and he went half-way through the ropes.

But despite the sledge-hammer blows which he took, Simon weathered the punishment remarkably

GOLFING BRITISH PRIME MINISTERS

Winston Churchill is the sixth of a list of British Prime Ministers who have been golfers. Others were Lord Balfour, Lord Oxford, Lloyd George, Bonar Law and Ramsay MacDonald. Law's handicap was only five.

P.I. BOXER IN WORLD RANKING

Little Dado of the Philippines is king of all the flyweights. That was the opinion of the National Boxing Association in its annual ranking issued recently.

NBA announced that there was no logical challenger to the heavy-weight title held by Joe Louis, but it listed a group of "outstanding contenders," including Billy Conn. The new NBA ranking follows: Heavyweight—Joe Louis. Light-heavyweight—Anton Christophordis. Middleweight—Tony Zale. Welterweight—Fritzie Zivic. Lightweight—Sammy Angott. Featherweight—Pete Scalzo. Bantamweight—Lou Salica. Flyweight—Little Dado.

NBA made note of the fact that this was the first time in many years that Henry Armstrong and Lou Ambers were missing in the rankings. Both fighters retired from the ring after suffering a series of defeats recently.

Kui Kong of Honolulu was rated a logical contender for the bantamweight title.—United Press.

SAINTS ENTERING TWO TEAMS

St. Andrew's Ladies are entering two teams in the seven-a-side hockey tournament on Saturday and the teams, which have not yet been nominated, will be chosen from the following: Miss J. Hall, Miss M. da Roza, Miss G. White, Miss J. Wong, Miss P. Lang, Miss B. Greaves, Miss L. Cross, Mrs. Wilson, Miss G. Darby, Mrs. A. Zimmern, Miss M. Churn, Miss B. Fitzgerald, Miss H. May and Miss F. Wong.

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K.C.C. Teams

Kowloon Cricket Club senior team will play their last League cricket match on Saturday, against Civil Service C.C. D. Hung will be back from Shanghai in time to play.

The team is: — E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, E. F. Fincher, D. Hung, R. E. Lee, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge and N. A. E. Mackay. Umpire J. P. Robinson; Scorer T. M. Carr.

The second eleven, who were unable to finish their match against Civil Service juniors on Saturday, will try to reach a decision this Saturday and will travel to Happy Valley for that purpose. Their team will be — S. A. Gray, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, E. Curtis, W. L. Rapley, R. J. Fenton, H. Brokenshire, G. E. Taylor, W. C. Hung, G. A. Goodban and F. Goodwin. Umpire, R. Leigh; Scorer and reserve, L. R. Burch.

STANFORD MAY TAKE UP CREW

After a lapse of 18 years, the famous American Stanford University is considering resumption of intercollegiate crew racing. Four races have been scheduled for the sport, which has not had any financial assistance from university authorities. Students are using a shell given them by the University of California; four former California crewmen are acting as volunteer coaches.

MATSUOKA AT VATICAN

U.S. AND MEXICO IN ALLIANCE

United States-Mexican collaboration for defence of the western hemisphere is visualised in a message sent by President Roosevelt yesterday to the Senate.

The message asks the Senate to ratify the new agreement between the United States and Mexico for the reciprocal use of airfields belonging to each nation, which was signed in Washington on Tuesday.

President Roosevelt says the agreement was concluded in view of the exceptional circumstances which have arisen from the present European conflict "and takes into consideration the necessity of ensuring conditions of maximum speed for movements of aviation required in the defence of the American continent."

"Its purpose is to organise substantial and efficient collaboration between the United States and Mexico in preparations for defence of the western hemisphere," — Reuter.

SUGGESTION PREMATURE

"I think we had better just go on mopping up Abyssinia further," said Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Butler was replying to a question whether any invitation had been received from the Negus to take over the administration of any part of Abyssinia.

Mr. Butler emphasised that the

Learns Views Of Pope On Situation

MR. MATSUOKA, THE Japanese Foreign Minister, may visit occupied France on the way home, he revealed yesterday to pressmen at the Villa Madama, in Rome, where he is staying.

Mr. Matsuoka added he would take advantage of his return journey to stay in Germany as a private citizen, as he was anxious to come into closer contact with the population.

He emphasised his intention of personally informing himself of "the true situation in Europe."

Mr. Matsuoka had a further talk with Mussolini after luncheon yesterday in the presence of Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

At the meeting of Mr. Matsuoka and the Pope earlier, only the religious and moral issue was discussed, state Vatican circles.

Mr. Matsuoka said afterwards he was tremendously impressed by the Pope.

Mr. Matsuoka is leaving Rome to-day.

Cordial Talk

The talk between Mr. Matsuoka and the Pope was extremely cordial, Vatican circles confirm.

The Pope set forth his views of the present situation, Mr. Matsuoka listening with great deference and attention.

British Government had no territorial ambitions in Abyssinia. — Reuter.

The Japanese Foreign Minister then gave the Japanese viewpoint.

Before Mr. Matsuoka left, the Pope presented him with a gold medal.

Mr. Matsuoka subsequently talked with Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, for nearly an hour. — Reuter.

CHINA'S INTERNAL REFORMS

SPEAKING AT A DINNER PARTY GIVEN IN HONOUR OF THE C.E.C. AND C.S.C. MEMBERS ATTENDING THE 8th PLENARY SESSION LAST EVENING, GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK COMMENDED THE GOOD SPIRIT WHICH PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE SESSION.

He emphasised the importance of strict enforcement of the resolutions.

Besides personnel changes in Kuomintang Headquarters and the National Government, the most important decision reached at the Session was the adoption of the Three-Year Wartime Reconstruction Plan.

Next in importance were the introduction of government salt, sugar and tobacco monopolies, and the introduction of the Kuomintang's land policy in which each land-owner will make his own assessment of government levies.

Another significant decision was that instead of the provincial treasuries, the Central Government will resume collection of land tax in order to meet war-time needs. — Central News.

INDIAN CONSTABLE MOBBED

Mobbed by hawkers in Shanghai Street last night, an Indian constable suffered injuries which required that he be sent to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

The arrival of another Indian constable saved the man from further injury.

Several of the hawkers were detained for questioning.

AIR MAIL FOR ARMY OF THE NILE

It was announced in London yesterday that a special air mail post card service is being introduced for the personnel of British forces serving in the Middle East.

Post cards will be carried all the way by air to bases in the Middle East where they will be delivered by the Army postal service. — Reuter.

FATSHAN MAY SAIL NEXT WEEK

The s.s. Fatshan may shortly sail for Canton, the "China Mail" was authoritatively informed this morning.

It is hoped that the vessel may undertake the trip on Tuesday morning, but the date has not yet been confirmed by the Japanese authorities in Canton.

Arrivals at Canton from Hong Kong will, however, be subject to 48 hours in quarantine.

STOP PRESS

A large junk with a cargo of kerosene on board went up in flames whilst sailing near Futaumun Pass at 10.30 p.m. last night.

The blaze was visible for miles around.

The No. 4 Fire Float was despatched from Hong Kong but its services were not necessary since the junk was by then enveloped in flames and sank soon afterwards.

There was another kerosene junk in the vicinity.

The Fire Float rescued 15 members of the junk crew and brought them to Hong Kong shortly after midnight.

THE NEW RATIO IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SEATS HAS AROUSED THE OPPOSITION OF CHINESE RATEPAYERS WHO ASSERT THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENT IS CONTRARY TO THE STIPULATION OF THE NANKING LAND REGULATIONS, UNDER WHICH THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN FUNCTIONING.

Interviewed by the "North China Daily News" these circles expressed the hope that the Council will do its best to maintain the position of old Chinese members of the Council who have been re-elected in the legal way.

It is said that already more than 20 members of the General Assembly of the Chinese Ratepayers Association (which is composed of 81 members) are going over to the Nanking regime. — Reuter.



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SUDDEN
MATSUOKA
RECALL?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Diplomatic circles in London declared yesterday that Mr. Matsuoka has been recalled to Tokyo and is side-stepping further commitments to the Axis.

It is understood that Mr. Matsuoka originally came to Europe fully empowered to ally Japan with the Axis militarily.

Mr. Matsuoka has now cancelled plans for a lengthy tour of all the European Axis capitals, due to the British successes and the hardening American attitude, and is expected back in Tokyo before the end of the month.—International News Service.

AMERICAN ACTION
RANKLES IN ITALY
AND GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE AMERICAN seizure of Axis ships is rankling deeply in Berlin, with all indications pointing to future retaliation by whatever methods prove possible.

The view is expressed in Berlin that the United States is the "chief instigator" of Latin-American seizures of Axis vessels.

The "Diplomatische Korrespondenz," organ of the Wilhelmstrasse, says the seizure is "a new act of violence by the Roosevelt Government."

Both Germany and Italy have protested a second time in Washington against the seizures.

While the contents of the Italian Note are not known, the German Note protests against the keeping of the Axis crews in jail for investigation of sabotage.

Gayda Outburst

Germany, Italy, Japan and other members of the Axis will react fully if the United States commits any new act of belligerency even without a formal declaration of war, stated Vir-

Sudden German Blow
Still Feared

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AT A MOMENT WHEN HOPES WERE STILL ENTERTAINED IN YUGOSLAVIA OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WITH GERMANY, THE COUNTRY WAS SHOCKED YESTERDAY BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TWO OF THE MOST MODERN YUGOSLAV STEAMERS, KARA DJOREBJE AND PRINCE PETER, HAD STRUCK MINES OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN IN THE ADRIATIC AND SANK.

This is the first revelation that the Dalmatian coast had been mined. The two vessels struck mines almost simultaneously off Sebenico at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and sank in eight minutes.

Warships have rescued 73 of the crew. It is not known whether any passengers were on board. Meanwhile the belief is spread-

ing in Belgrade that a solution of the internal crisis has been reached and Dr. Matchek, the Croat leader, will retain the Vice-Premiership, resulting in a unified Government.

It is reliably learned that Dr. Matchek insisted on concrete assurances that the Serb-Croat Treaty would be respected, creation of a Crown Council and the substitution of Parliamentary government for the military regime.

A report, as yet unconfirmed, (Continued on Page 16)

Italy
Without
Illusion

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome radio yesterday told the Italian people to expect further losses in East Africa, the announcer saying that "inhabited centres are being evacuated to avoid destruction."

Meanwhile the British military spokesman in Cairo declared that Masawa, with an estimated 40,000 Italians, is expected to fall at any moment, completing the British occupation of Eritrea and cutting the last avenue of Italian escape in East Africa.

Latest reports indicate that the few Italian troops defeated at Keren and Asmara who have taken refuge in Masawa, are standing with their backs to the guns of the British Fleet.—International News Service.

ITALIAN
TANKER
BLOWS UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An explosion occurred aboard a 2,000-ton Italian tanker, the "Atlas," yesterday at Tampico Harbour, Mexico.

The explosion is reported to have taken place under the very noses of the Mexican guards who had been placed on watch a few hours before on eleven Axis ships.

Shortly before the explosion the crew of the tanker left for shore in small boats, it is stated.

The Italian officers of the tanker are being charged by the Mexican authorities with sabotage.

Meanwhile, in Argentine, where 26 German and Italian steamers have been placed under protective custody, diplomatic and naval circles believe that three German warships, including a warship of the Gneisenau type are patrolling the South Atlantic with a view to conveying ships fleeing from the Western Hemisphere ports.—International News Service.



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ITALY'S APOLOGIA FOR DEFEAT

Eye-Witnesses Give Facts Of Naval Battle

Heavy Broadships Prevent Italians From Hitting Back

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent With The Mediterranean Fleet)

EYE-WITNESS STORIES OF THE GREAT MEDITERRANEAN BATTLE WERE GIVEN REUTER IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY BY OFFICERS IN THE BATTLESHIPS BARHAM AND VALIANT AND THE CRUISER GLOUCESTER.

These made clear that the lightning broadsides from our battleships nipped in the bud any hopes the Italians may have had of hitting back.

The Italian cruisers Zara and Fiume received broadsides from Barham and Valiant within a few seconds of sustaining direct hits from Warspite.

Captain G. C. Cooke, of Barham, compared the battleships, which used 6-inch as well as 15-inch guns, to "a team of three perfectly trained boxers."

Barham's first broadside scored a direct hit under the bridge of one cruiser, and the second caused a series of explosions. As this cruiser then began

burning furiously from bow to stern, Barham shifted her fire to the second ship in the line, which was already burning.

She received a broadside near her waterline. The fire aboard her became so fierce that a further target was sought but none was found.

No Effective Reply

An eye-witness said the cruiser's guns remained pointing fore and aft throughout the action. The only fire they put up came from Breda guns with tracer shells from the A.A. armament.

Commissioned Gunner Edwards of Barham described the broadsides as "the best night shoot I have ever seen."

He told how for many years the British Navy has constantly practiced night actions.

Captain Cooke spoke in highest praise of every man in his ship, including the cook, who continued to serve food.

Gloucester's Part

Aboard Gloucester I was told how Gloucester, Orion, Ajax and Perth contacted the enemy warships throughout last Friday while they endeavoured to lure them in the direction of the British Fleet.

Officers in Gloucester and Orion testified to the good shooting of the Italians. Gloucester is keeping shell splinters as trophies, though these did not scratch her paintwork in falling aboard her.

When the Italians closed in, our cruisers were able to reply and several of their salvos fell near them.

Battleship Appears

Shortly afterwards the Italian battleship Vittorio Veneto was sighted approaching at full speed with a tremendous bow-wave.

All her guns were soon trained on our cruiser squadron. After the battleship had been firing for some time it was noticed that her range was lengthening.

This was when torpedo bombers from the aircraft-carrier Formidable were making their deadly attack on her.

With our Battle Fleet coming up the four cruisers were again sent ahead to try and contact the enemy. They succeeded towards evening, when the Air Arm was carrying out their dusk attack.

After midnight our cruisers continued the hunt for the Italian Fleet.

Meanwhile our battleships, in case of the Zara and Fiume, which were apparently assisting the stricken cruiser Pola.

Italian Apologia

An apologia issued by the Italian authorities, explaining away the crushing defeat of the Italian Navy off Cape Matapan, is a naive document which shows how completely the Italians are deceiving, or attempting to deceive, themselves, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

It admits the losses, he adds, which could not be concealed because survivors of the crews are in British hands, but says nothing about the damage to the Vittorio Veneto, which may or may not have got home. Indeed, it conveniently overlooks the presence of this fast super-battleship and two other battleships of the Cavour class and only speaks of light units which were out-gunned by heavy but much slower craft.

"Important Character"

It somewhat lamely attempts to make capital out of the fact that they did not use their superior speed "for reasons of an important character" which are not specified, but is silent regarding the British claim that they were lamed by British torpedo attacks from the air.

The statement also passed over in silence the fact that German aircraft fired upon British vessels engaged in rescue work.—Reuter.

SOVIET'S GUARANTEE TO TURKEY

THE RECENT TURCO-SOVIET DECLARATION CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE — "SHOULD TURKEY IN FACT BE THE OBJECT OF AGGRESSION AND BE INVOLVED IN WAR IN DEFENCE OF HER TERRITORY, TURKEY COULD THEN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TURCO-SOVIET NON-AGGRESSION PACT, COUNT UPON THE FULL UNDERSTANDING AND NEUTRALITY OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT."

In giving this information in the Commons yesterday Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that he regarded this declaration by the Soviet Union in regard to Turkey as eminently satisfactory.

To other questions Mr. Butler replied: "We always hope that such developments will draw relations with the Soviet Government closer." — Reuter.

IL DUCE'S GIFT TO MATSUOKA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, yesterday accepted a gift from Mussolini of a motorboat after lunching formally with the Duce at the Imperial Forces Club in Rome.—International News Service.

R.A.F. DROPS TEA OVER HOLLAND

Departing from the pamphlet policy the R.A.F. recently released over occupied Netherlands 75,000 bags of the finest Dutch East Indies tea, each containing about an ounce, Reuter learns from Dutch sources in London.

On a label attached to each bag was printed a Netherlands flag with the words "The Netherlands will rise again. Greetings from the Free Netherlands East Indies. 'Chins up!'"

The tea was a present from N.E.I. tea planters who asked the Netherlands Colonial Office to pass it on in this way.

The Dutch news agency says: "Never have the Dutch people so gratefully received a gift from the Dutch Indies, especially as it is almost impossible to get an ounce of tea in Dutch shops." — Reuter.

SHIP TONNAGE FOR BRITAIN

President Roosevelt yesterday conferred with Rear-Admiral Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission, on the question of furnishing ship tonnage for Britain and on other phases of the \$7,000,000,000 British aid programme.

Later Rear-Admiral Land told reporters he discussed with the President two categories of the programme, namely, a \$629,000,000 appropriation for ships, and \$200,000,000 for an appropriation for repairing warships.

The taking into custody of German, Italian and Danish ships in United States waters was not discussed, he added.—Reuter.

OLD MAN AND A WOMAN ACCUSED

KWAN KAN, 74, AND LI AH-FUNG, 31, A MARRIED WOMAN, WERE CHARGED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, WITH UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FORGED BANKNOTES.

It was alleged that the man had a five-yuan forged note of the Bank of Communications, while the woman had six forged notes purporting to be of the Bank of China, at No. 186, Johnston Road, second floor, yesterday.

Defendants were remanded for further enquiries. Detective Sergeant V. Morrison is in charge of the case.

THE KING'S CONGRATULATIONS TO C.-IN-C.

King George yesterday sent the following message to Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet:

"My heartiest congratulations to all ranks and ratings under your command on your great victory." — Reuter.

TYPICAL HUNNISH TRICK

Seven hundred British officer prisoners of war in Germany have been transferred to camps in Poland possessing inferior amenities, on the ground that conditions in an officers' prison camp in Canada did not conform to the Prisoners of War Convention.

This was revealed by Mr. Richard Law, Financial Secretary to the War Office, in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Law said enquiries had shown that allegations regarding the Canadian camp were completely unfounded and that the camp had been favourably reported on by the International Red Cross.

Strong representations, Mr. Law added, had been made to the German Government, which he hoped would result in the return of the officers to their original camp.—Reuter.

TO REJECT AXIS PROTEST

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, has decided to reject the German and Italian demands for the release of seized Axis ships, it is understood in Washington.

Asked at his daily press conference yesterday whether there was any present intention of releasing the ships, as demanded by the Axis protest note, Mr. Hull said he had not heard of it in Government quarters.

When the United States replied to the protests, he added, the State Department would probably take up with the Italian and German Embassies the question of publishing the correspondence.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON DEFENCE CONFERENCE

IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS WITH THE NATIONAL DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AID PROGRAMMES, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY REQUESTED HIS SECRETARIES OF STATE FOR WAR, NAVY AND TREASURY, AND MR. HOPKINS, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF AID FOR THE DEMOCRACIES, TO CONFER WITH HIM IN THE AFTERNOON.

The three Defence Chiefs—General George Marshall (Chief of Staff), Admiral Stark (Chief of Naval Operations) and Major-General Thomas Holcomb (Commandant of the Marine Corps)—were later asked to attend the conference.—Reuter.

IMPERIAL WAR COUNCIL SUGGESTION

FORMATION OF AN Imperial War Council, consisting of the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the Dominions and Southern Rhodesia or their representatives, a representative of India and representatives of the colonies and protectorates, was suggested by Lord Elibank in the House of Lords yesterday.

Lord Cranborne, Secretary for the Dominions, intimated Government opposed the suggestion as it was not at present practicable or possible.

He added there were doubtless circumstances and situations in which a conference of Dominion Prime Ministers might be of the utmost value.

A point might be reached in which we might be able to look more into the future than at present, and at a such a moment an Imperial Conference might be not only important but essential.

IN THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW THAT MOMENT HAD NOT YET COME BUT SHOULD THE SITUATION ALTER SO AS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE SUCH A CONFERENCE, GOVERNMENT WOULD HEAVILY WELCOME IT.—REUTER.

FIREWOOD DEALER CAUGHT

On failing to appear before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning, Chu Lun-heung, 42, mistress of a firewood shop at No. 51, Sai Kung Road, had her bail of \$25 forfeited. She was charged with selling firewood at a price higher than that fixed by the Store Controller. She sold 36 catties for \$1 instead of 40 catties.

PEAK "BOY" AS A TRAIT

Li Chung, 47, cook employed at No. 19, Peak Mansions, was fined \$50 by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning for collecting for diamond purposes.

Bristol Undismayed By Six Blitzkrieg Air Raids

WEATHER NOW THE CHIEF ALLY

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE VIBRANT CITY AND PORT OF BRISTOL IS FULL OF NEW ENERGY AND PROMISE AFTER SIX AIR BLITZES AS THE FAMOUS ALMOND AVENUES ARE NOW IN BLOOM WHICH SOFTEN SOME OF THE JAGGED OUTLINES CAUSED BY WAR.

I have been behind the scenes of Bristol's blitz life and it seems quite clear that here, as elsewhere, the Luftwaffe has failed to smash down British resistance.

After suffering as heavy blows relative to her size as Liverpool and London, Bristol's economic life is unimpaired.

The weather, murky by day and wild by night, continues to be Britain's chief ally at the moment, preventing a resumption of night attacks on a heavy scale.

These were cut short along this extensive base line in the Battle of the Atlantic nearly a fortnight ago.

Resistance to the Nazi air onslaught on this city, whose peacetime population of 500,000 is rising, is not at all passive.

A. A. Batteries

The R.A.F. quickly chase inquisitive reconnaissance planes by day and at night A.A. guns roll like thunder, turning away all but large formations of raiders.

There are two chief reasons why sober minded Bristolians believe their city can and will continue to shoulder her great responsibility: there are the dockers, whom I saw turning round ships at Avonmouth in double quick time as compared with before the war, and Bristol's air raid personnel, whose organisation is one of the most efficient in the country.

These key workers keep a vast flow of supplies running smoothly from ships into railway and rail sidings, no matter how intense enemy action may be inside or outside dockland.

In keeping clear and healthy the very lifeblood of Britain's continued resistance, they are constantly aiming at higher efficiency.—Reuter.

LEGAL VIEW OF RIGHT OF REQUISITION

THE RIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW TO REQUISITION THE 28 ITALIAN, TWO GERMAN AND 39 DANISH SHIPS, OF WHICH THE AUTHORITIES TOOK CHARGE ON SUNDAY, WAS MAINTAINED BY PROF. GOODHART, AN AUTHORITY ON INTERNATIONAL LAW, BROADCASTING FROM LONDON LAST NIGHT IN THE B.B.C. HOME NEWS.

Every nation has a right, if it is in pressing need of ships, he said, to requisition foreign vessels in its territorial waters subject to the payment of fair compensation.

Italy in 1915 seized 27 German ships, although the countries were then at peace. Portugal, Brazil, Peru and Spain took similar action.—Reuter.

NEW LOW LEVEL

A seat on the New York Stock Exchange has sold for \$22,000, showing a decline of \$3,000 from the previous sale. This represents a new record low level.—Reuter.

Air Activity In Africa

The bombing of enemy aerodromes in Tripolitania and South African Air Force activities in Eritrea and Abyssinia are features of yesterday's R.A.F. Cairo communique.

The communique says the R.A.F. continues to give active support to the successful operation of our ground forces in Eritrea.

South African fighters intercepted and drove off numbers of Italian planes in the Asmara area.

In southern Abyssinia, South African aircraft attacked enemy communications and defences and various kinds of transport be-

ITALIAN SUBMARINE SUNK

It was officially announced in London yesterday that a British submarine reports having sunk in the Mediterranean an Italian U-boat and the Italian tanker Laura Corrado (3,645 tons). — Reuter.

Between Awash and Adama. Motor transport was also bombed and machine-gunned at many other places.

Enemy aerodromes in Tripolitania were bombed on Tuesday by our aircraft.

From all these operations our aircraft returned safely with one exception.—Reuter.

FALL OF MASSAWA NEAR

The fall of Massawa, the Eritrean naval base on the Red Sea, is expected at any moment, the British military spokesman said in Cairo last night.

After the capture of Asmara the Italian forces are making no attempt to defend the port, the spokesman added.

They have taken the main road to the south and are at present in full retreat closely pursued by the Imperial forces and are suffering from hammering by the Royal Air Force.—Reuter.

NAZIS EXECUTE GIRL SPY

Twenty-year-old Ruth Schubert, of Hildesheim, died on the scaffold at Berlin for espionage.



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WOMEN OF INDIA RALLY

The striking manner in which women in India have risen to the war's occasions in support of their fighting men, was the subject of a talk given at London headquarters of the Over-Seas League yesterday by Mrs. Lall, wife of the Deputy Commissioner for India.

The number of Empire and Allied countries represented in the audience, mostly in uniform, testified to the interest taken in the subject of Indian welfare work.

Under the inspiring lead of Lady Linlithgow, said Mrs. Lall, the war work of Indian women was on a wide scale and covered all provinces. In almost every large Indian city women had come forward with offers of service through established organisations and others set up since war began.

Women of all communities were collecting funds for the Red Cross, knitting for Indian soldiers and sailors and receiving training for A.R.P. work.

Many Ambulances

In the larger ports they were preparing to deal with casualties from the battle-fronts, and to assist soldiers and their families passing through the ports, while from a silver trinket fund, raised from ornaments given to the cause, they had supplied a blood transfusion plant urgently required in the Middle East and had provisioned many ambulances.

The few Indian ladies left in London, Mrs. Lall added, were assisting the Indian Comforts Fund in providing much needed comforts for soldiers and seamen in colder climates. In this work they were aided by 600 ladies in all parts of Britain.—Reuter.

JACOBS' APPEAL REFUSED

Before a full Court of Appeal, composed of Mr. Justice E. H. Williams and Mr. Justice J. A. D. Fraser, an application for leave to Appeal by Kenneth Jacobs, who was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment for rape, was rejected.

The appellant submitted his appeal on three grounds, that the evidence was perjured by prosecutrix, that the proof presented by prosecutrix was not sufficient to convict and that his innocence was partially upheld by the leniency of the sentence.

Jacobs, who was not legally represented, said the girl had grossly exaggerated what happened and that the incidents occurred half a mile from where the girl stated they did. He could not have carried her over the fence. The evidence of Private Dormer had been exaggerated.

Mr. Justice Williams reminded Jacobs that he had opportunities to call witnesses and Jacobs said he had done so, and thought they were sufficient.

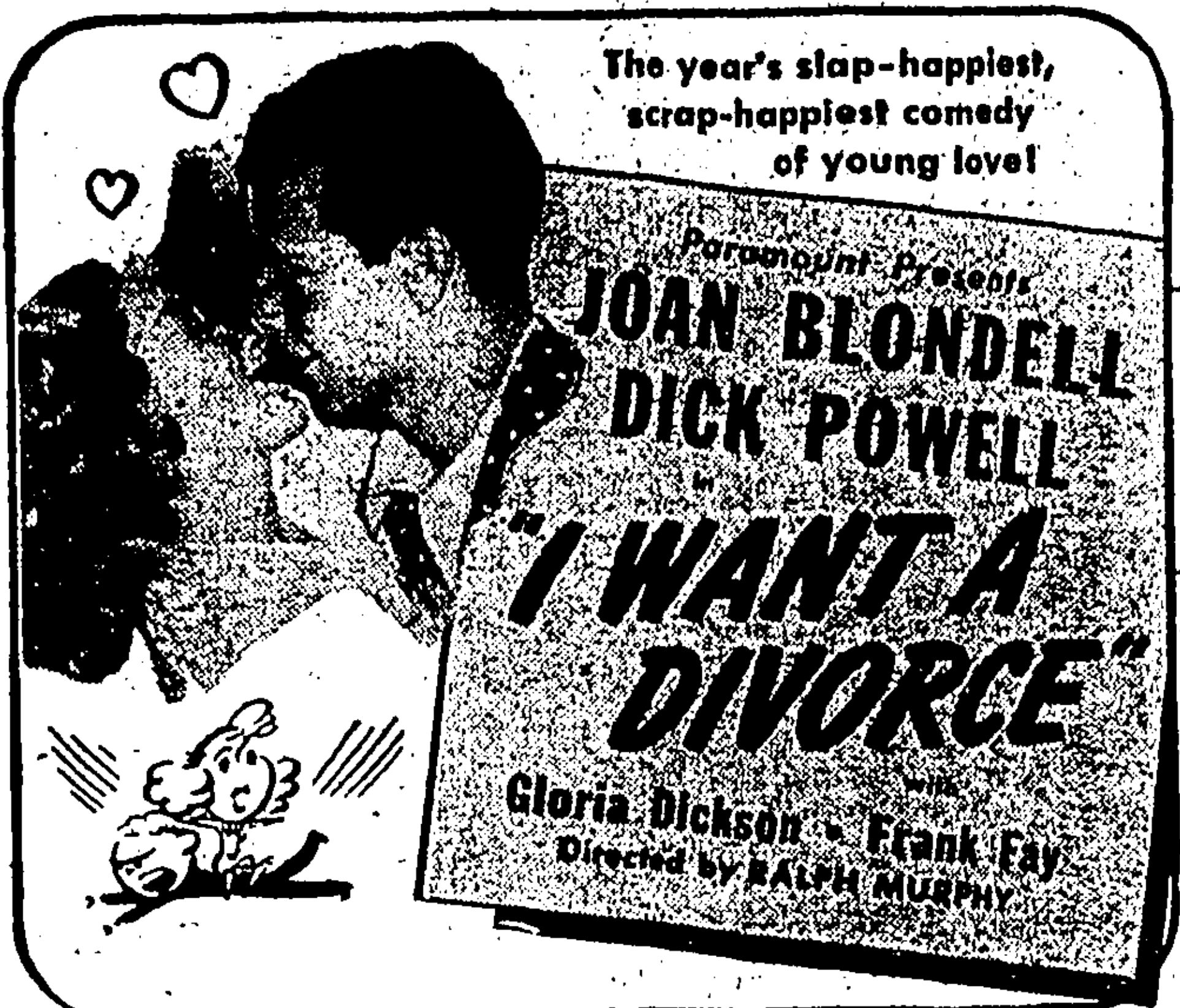
Dismissing the application, Mr. Williams said:—My brother and I have considered the grounds you have put forward in your application for leave to appeal. You have not complained, against the summing up, which is a matter essentially for the jury, who gave it as their opinion that you were guilty.

I see no ground for granting leave to appeal. You mention certain grounds but you had full opportunity to place whatever evidence you wished before the court.

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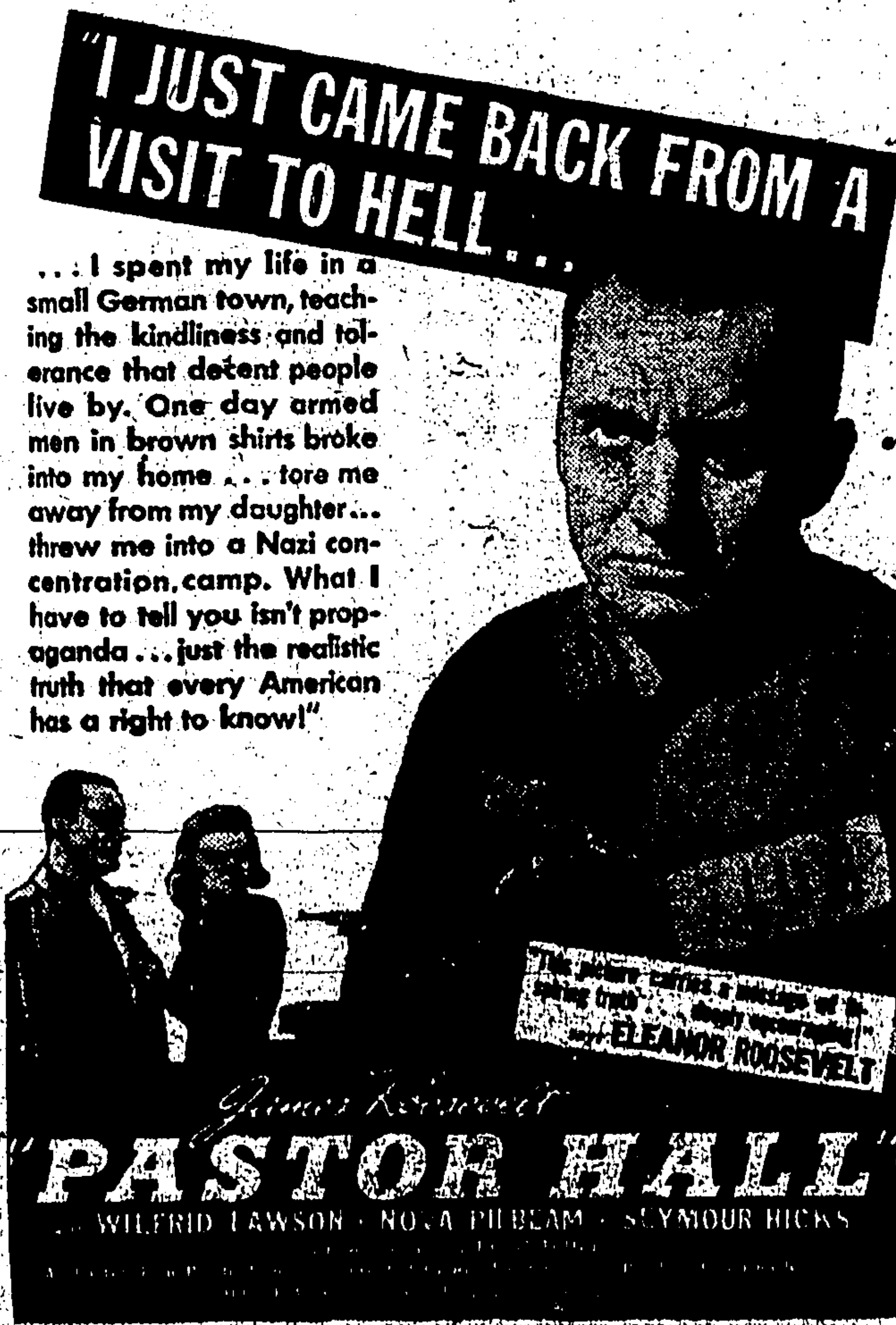


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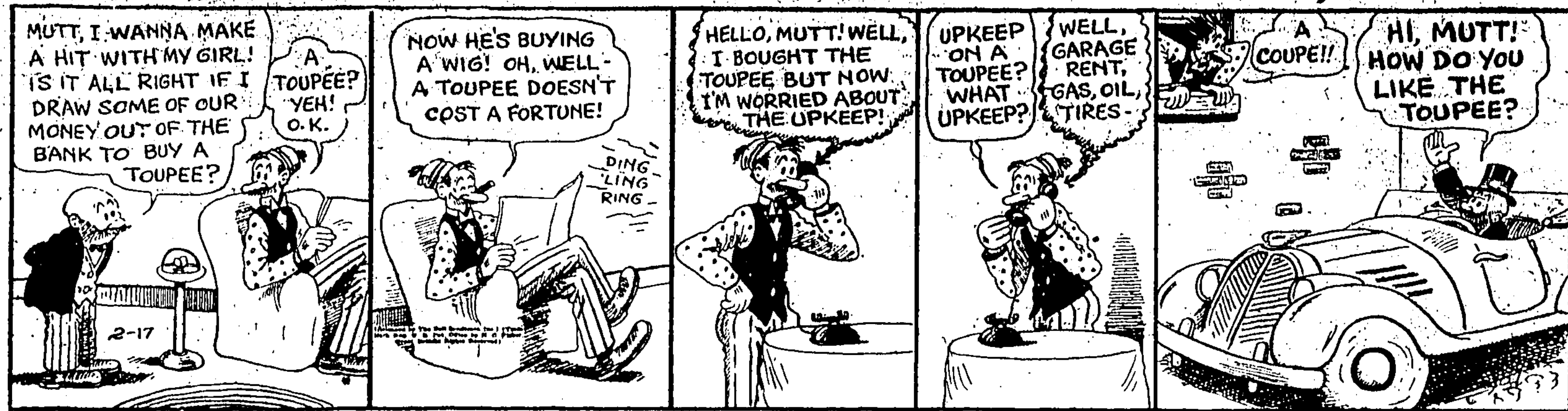
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LIGHT RAID ON BRITAIN

Some activity by single enemy aircraft over the East Coast of England and Scotland is all that the Air Ministry reported last night.

At a place in East Anglia and a village on the north-east coast of Scotland, it says, some damage was done to industrial buildings and there was a small number of casualties, of which a very few were fatal.

Elsewhere there was little damage and no casualties were reported.

One enemy aircraft was destroyed by British fighters in the morning.

No alert had been sounded in London up to a late hour last evening.—Reuter.

HITLER'S FIFTH COLUMN ORGANISER ARRIVES IN CHILE

HERR VON RIETH, who as former German Minister in Vienna took an active part in the abortive revolt against Chancellor Dollfuss in 1934, recently arrived in South America and is now in Chile, it was learned yesterday from circles in New York in close touch with events in Latin-America.

Accompanied by General Niedenfuhr, South American specialist of the German Secret Service, von Rieth is understood to be making it his special business to stir up hostility to the United States in the southern hemisphere.

Von Rieth has already made himself conspicuous through his activities in the Argentine where, with the active help of local German and Italian Fifth Columnists, he tried to play up the nationalist feeling of Argentinians against the United States and Britain.

It is recalled that in the first abortive attempt to destroy the unity of Austria, von Rieth conspired with von Rintelen, then Austrian Minister in Rome,

against Chancellor Dollfuss. When, on July 25, 1934, Nazi Fifth Columnists dressed as policemen and members of the Austrian armed forces, stormed the Chancellery in Vienna and shot Dr. Dollfuss, von Rieth appeared in front of the Prime Minister's headquarters and openly negotiated on behalf of the insurgents with Dr. Ley, Minister of Interior.

Extraordinary Incident

He suggested the revolt should be called off (it in the meantime had failed in the provinces) on condition that the Austrian Government assured a safe conduct to the Chancellor's murderers, for whom von Rieth promised sanctuary in Germany.

The offer was rejected by President Miklas, who said it was extraordinary for the diplomatic representative of a friendly neighbouring state to act as a parliamentarian on behalf of men who had just killed the Prime Minister of the country to which he was accredited.

Fifth Column Organiser

As the revolt had failed in any case, von Rieth was recalled immediately by Hitler, who disclaimed responsibility for the uprising.

Since then little has been heard of von Rieth, who, however, appears to have been the head of the special section of the German Foreign Office in charge of Fifth Columns, where he enjoyed high rank as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

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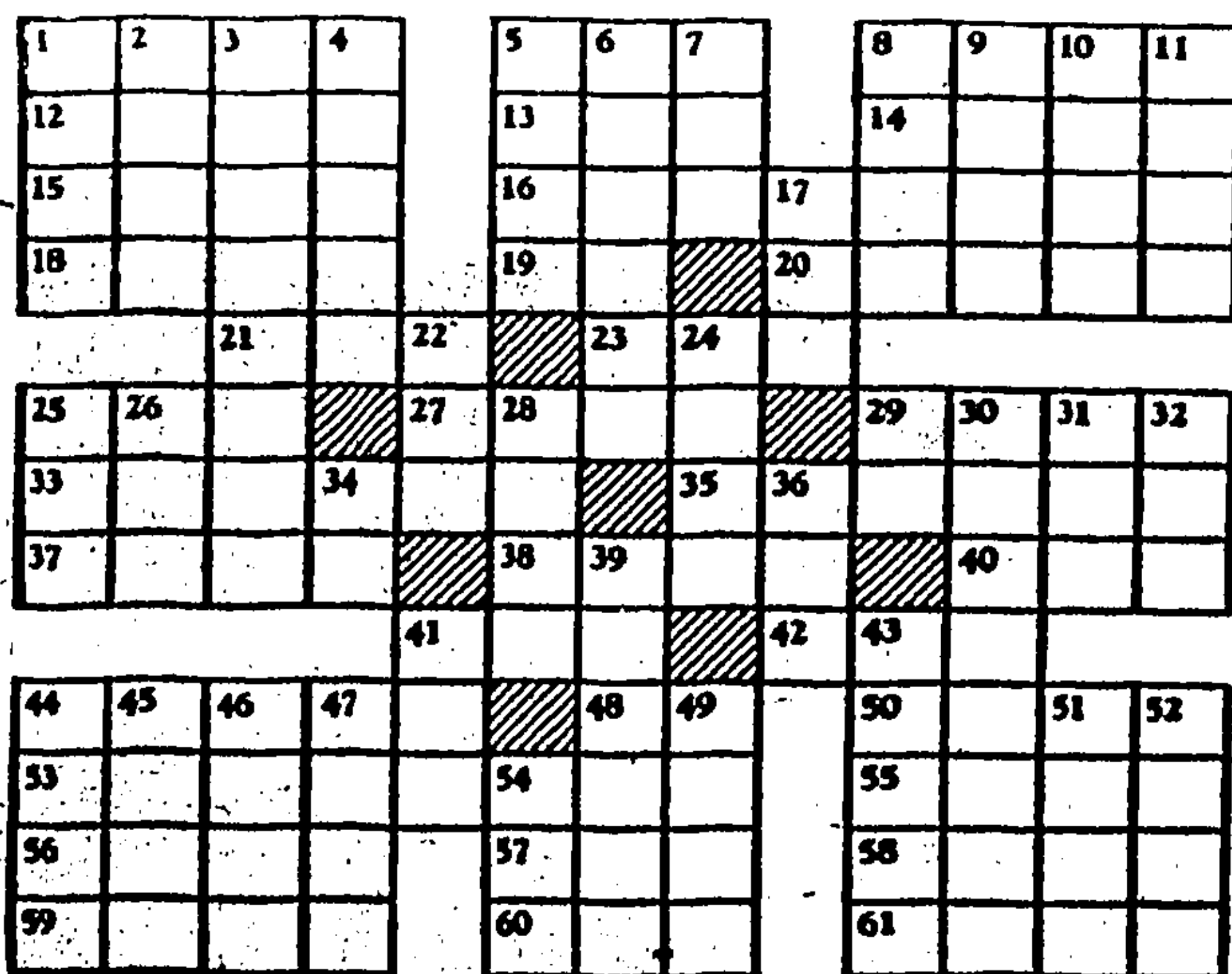
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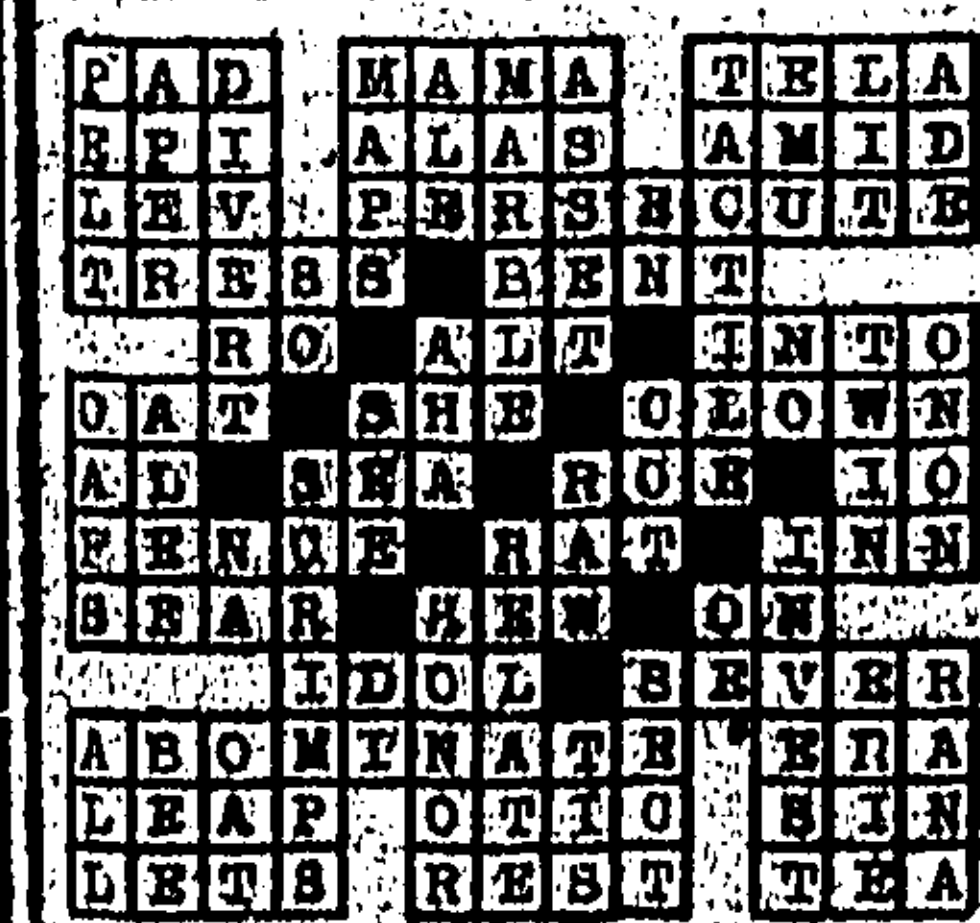
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- 8 Sea in Russian
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- 13 Preposition
- 14 Part of "to be"
- 15 Additional
- 16 Transmitted
- 18 Is made up
- 20 Noted Italian family
- 21 Paid notice
- 22 To squeeze
- 23 Before
- 24 Greek letter
- 25 Scotch cap
- 27 To demolish
- 29 Seize
- 30 To obtrude
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- 32 Lane
- 33 Religious ceremony
- 40 Born
- 41 Vast age
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- 1 Trick
- 2 Simians
- 3 Disdain
- 4 To penetrate
- 5 Tropical
- 6 Eats away
- 7 Decade
- 8 Moslem prince
- 9 Garden flower
- 10 Branches of learning
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- 24 To place under restraint
- 25 Holland commune
- 26 Essence
- 27 To look over
- 28 Corn bread
- 29 Preposition
- 30 Smooth
- 31 Girl's name
- 32 God of love
- 33 Retained
- 34 Affirmative

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



RAIDS ON PINE WOODS

For unlawful possession of pine tree wood in Tai-po Road, Castle Peak Road and King's Park, some 15 Chinese appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Twelve were bound over. Three, who had previous convictions, were fined \$20 or two weeks' hard labour.

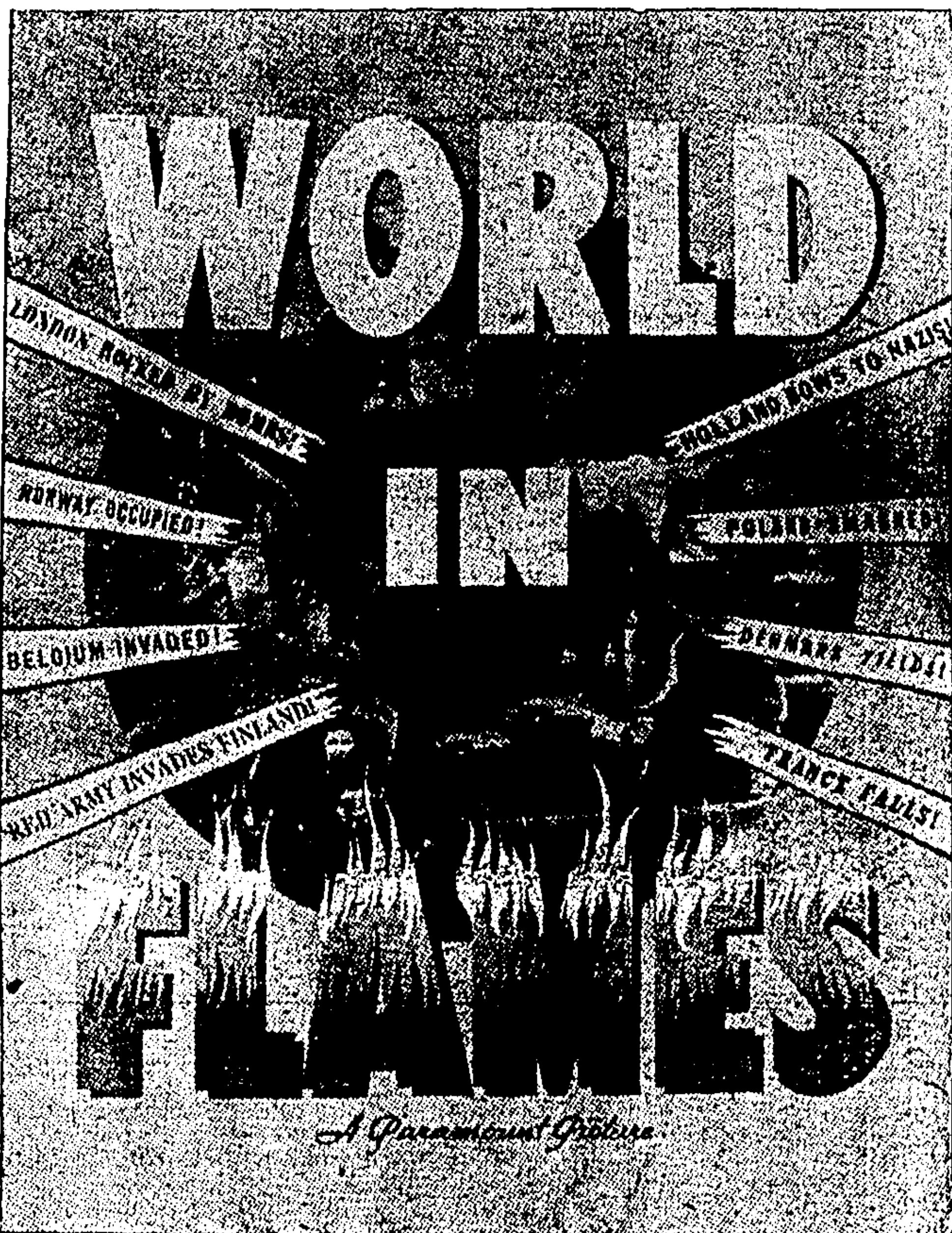
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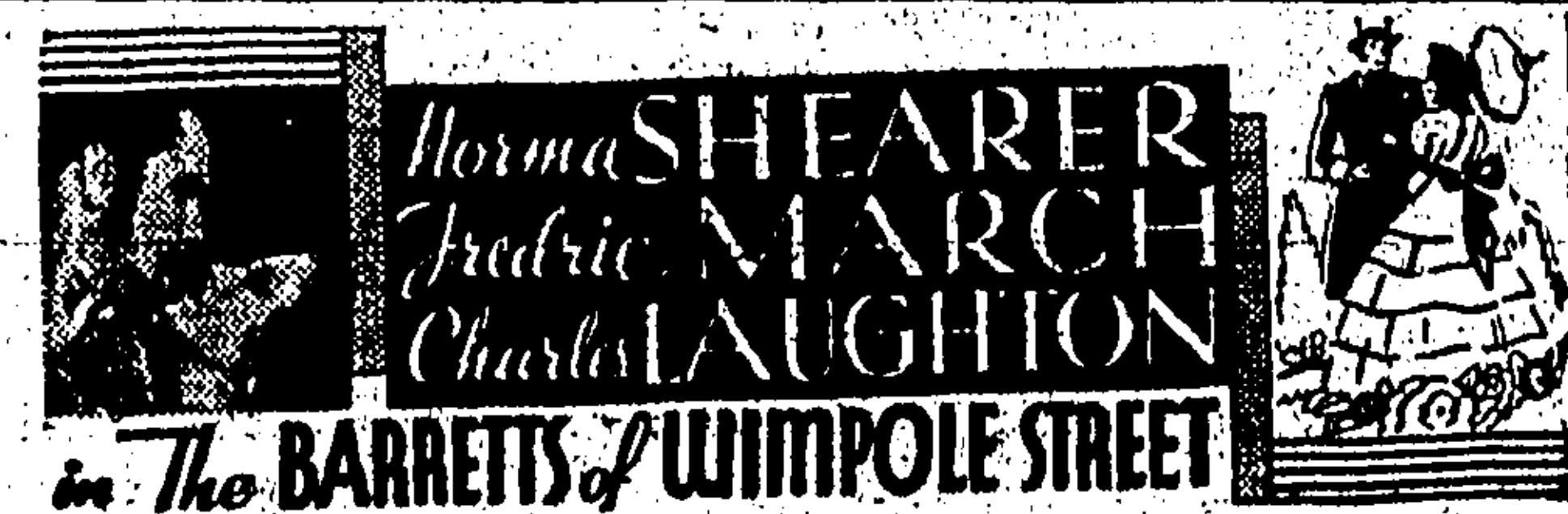
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DAIRY FARM CHAIRMAN ON THE PRICE OF MILK

A VERY SUCCESSFUL year's working was reviewed by the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce when he presided at the annual meeting of shareholders of The Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., held this morning.

Mr. Pearce made reference to the increase in the price of milk brought into force last June and mentioned that though the step was somewhat overdue, it was taken with the greatest reluctance.

He added that no further upward revision of prices would be made unless circumstances were such as to leave the directors no alternative.

The Chairman said:—
Before proceeding with the business of the Meeting I wish to make reference to the death, since our last Annual General Meeting, of Mr. A. B. Stewart. Mr. Stewart served on the Board for many years and was Chairman on several occasions. He took a very keen interest in the Company and his passing is to be greatly regretted.

The Chairman continued:—
The Profit on Working Account for the year amounted to \$860,933.94. As compared to last year this figure is less by \$45,140.55 and included in the Accounts is our subscription of \$15,000.00 to the "South China Morning Post War Fund." This subscription I feel sure met with your approval.

The balance of Profit & Loss Account at \$451,849.05 is however \$103,170.57 less than the figure shown in last year's Accounts.

You will observe the item—Reserve for War Taxation 1940/1941 \$60,000.00, and I would explain that since the closing of the books a payment of \$54,000.00 against this has been made to Government. The Reserve has been made necessary as certain items are still under discussion with the Taxation Department. Interest at \$48,905.69 is some \$25,000 up on the previous year but Repairs & Renewals at \$68,373.29 show a reduction of \$20,000. Needless to say our Buildings, Machinery and other depreciable assets are being maintained in the usual high state of repair and efficiency.

Final Dividend

As I previously mentioned the balance of Profit & Loss Account amounts to \$451,849.05. To this has to be added \$85,367.52 brought forward from last year, making a total of \$537,216.57, from which has to be deducted the Interim Dividend of 50 cents per share amounting to \$146,667.50 paid in September last, leaving for appropriation the sum of \$390,549.07. Your Directors propose to deal with this balance as follows: Pay a Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 293,335 shares, \$293,335.00. Add to Cattle Reserve \$25,000.00, Carry Forward \$72,214.07.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, I would call your attention to Cattle Account and in the first place to the item "added this year." The figure of \$179,628.72 represents the cost of 187 Dairy animals, which we imported from Canada, Australia and the United States of America. This is the heaviest purchase made by the Company in any one year of its existence but was fully justified, as Milk sales touched a new high level, being over 1,000,000 bottles up on 1939. Sales and Deaths at \$145,205.09 represent animals withdrawn from the Herd—either by sale or death—at cost. This is a heavier charge than usual and to a large extent is due to the fact that included in the list are a number of animals imported during the year. Imported animals, particularly during their first year here, do not possess the same powers of resistance as animals bred on the Farm. The Herd totalled 1,900 animals at the end of the year, a record, and must now be one of the largest still fed herds in existence. You will appreciate that the supervision and feeding of such a large number of animals is no small task and reflects much credit on those responsible.

Cold Storage

When addressing you from the Chair last year my predecessor mentioned that with the rising cost of Fodder, Bottles, Cans and other necessities required for the production and delivery of Milk, an upward revision of prices might be necessary. As the year progressed these costs reached proportions which precluded further delay in this decision, and in June last an increase of 2 cents per half pint bottle was made. This step, although some months overdue, I may say, was taken with the greatest reluctance. Not since 1931, when the price per bottle was increased from 15 to 16 cents, has a change been made. Since then, however, as you are already aware, compulsory pasteurisation, bottle hooding, and sealing of milk, has been made effective, thereby greatly increasing production costs.

Your Directors fully realise the hardships which follow any increase in milk prices and will not make any further upward revision unless compelled to do so by a further rise in the necessities and feedstuffs required in production. I have just mentioned. I may add, here, that despite the increased turnover and higher price realised, the department showed a lower return of profit this year as compared to last.

In addition to the cost of Cattle, which I have already mentioned, Capital Expenditure during the year was as follows:

Building and Property Account	\$271,983.88
Ice Plant and Machinery	355,003.71
Launches, Lighters and Vehicles	5,938.95
Furniture and Fixtures	48,597.14
making a total, including the Cattle, of \$861,152.40.	

Heavier Stocks

In addition to this, stocks at \$1,365,353.84 show an increase of \$450,033.60 on the previous year's figure. This is reflected in the Overdraft with our Bankers and in the Interest Account, the totals of which are respectively \$1,057,797.01 and \$48,905.69.

I think you will agree that the policy of carrying heavier stocks in view of the uncertainty of shipping and the position generally, is a wise one.

Reference was made from the Chair last year to the improvements being carried out at our Kowloon Branch in Nathan Road. These were completed during the year, and this Branch is now a credit to the Company.

We have had the benefit of a complete year of the extended Cold Storage plant at East Point. This has proved most satisfactory. Unfortunately owing to the continued scarcity of Fresh Fish little use has so far been made of the Fish Freezing Plant.

By the erection of Buildings and Plant at Aberdeen, we have added 36,348 cubic feet to our Cold Storage capacity. This extra facility was brought into service in January last.

New Premises

The Company has for long been handicapped by the want of suitable retail headquarters and the public have been extremely forbearing as they must have found shopping very irksome in the very limited space available both at Lower Albert Road and Queen's Road. With our new premises, to be opened shortly on the ground floor of this building, shopping will become a pleasure. We are only sorry that so many of our regular customers are absent from the Colony. We trust the day of their return will not long be delayed.

As you will, no doubt, have observed, a modern Soda Fountain, Restaurant and Tea Room has been installed on the half-mezzanine floor. We believe this will become a popular feature. All these new premises have been installed with the most modern air-conditioning system.

But for the evacuation of a large number of our customers in July the sales of milk would have been even greater. Other departments, including Butchery, Ice Cream and Soda Fountains, suffered from the same cause. The almost record rainfall also had a detrimental effect on the two latter departments. The Butchery and Import

CHUNGKING PROTEST AGAINST IMMIGRATION LAW OF H.K.

The 8th Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Central Executive and Supervisory Committees yesterday requested the National Government to negotiate with the British Government for the cancellation of the Immigration Regulations now enforced by the Hong Kong Government. It is contended that the regulations are prejudicial to the interests of Chinese in Hong Kong and to friendly relations between China and Britain. — Central News.

ed Dairy Produce Department suffered to a large extent from the absence of so many regular liners visiting this port in addition to which, of course, the number of H.M. Ships stationed here is not as many as in normal circumstances. On the other hand the Ice and Cold Storage Departments enjoyed a good year and on the whole I think results may be considered highly satisfactory.

Bonus To Staff

In the Working Accounts has been included a 7½ per cent bonus on salaries, to the staff who have worked loyally and efficiently during a difficult year. I trust you will approve this bonus.

Having regard to the additional work and responsibility brought about by the considerable increase in our operations during recent years our Auditors, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, have made the request that their fee be revised to a figure of \$2,500.00 per annum. It is 10 years since they were last granted an increase in their fee and your directors realising the extra work which they now perform consider the additional \$500.00 which they ask to be not unreasonable.

Seconders Speech

Mr. J. Owen-Hughes in seconding the proposition said: Mr. Chairman, I wish to be associated with the tribute to the memory of Mr. A. B. Stewart. Having served with him on the Board of this Company I can fully endorse what you have said as to the deep interest he took in its affairs.

It can, I think, be fairly stated, that successive chairmen of the Dairy Farm Co. have a very full and fair explanation of the Company's activities, and your interesting address is no exception. This is the first time that I have entered Windsor House, and would like on behalf of shareholders present and absent to congratulate the Board and Management on having at long last secured suitable premises for the convenience of customers and the public generally. When completed I feel sure the Restaurant, Tea Room, Soda Fountain, etc., etc., will prove a great success. We all long for the day when our many friends will return from their exile, to enjoy the amenities which these fine premises offer.

The Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce (Chairman) presided and was supported by Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. L. J. Davies, Mr. D. L. Newbould (Directors), Mr. J. D. Thompson (Manager), and Mr. G. Milne (Secretary).

Among shareholders present were: Messrs. J. Owen-Hughes, A. D. Wylie, W. Macfarlane, D. McFerran, F. Morphet and C. C. Blake.

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FINISHING THE JOB

The great storm of war which has burst more furiously over Signor Mussolini, smashing his fleet in the Mediterranean so that it is exceeding doubtful if it will venture to sea again, wresting Keren, Asmara, Harrar and Dire Dawa from him in East Africa so that the doom of his African Empire is clear writ, was not just an accident of a chance meeting or even superior mobility. No more was the blitz raid upon Emden, the effect of which shook even Joseph Goebbels into admitting "comparatively large damage."

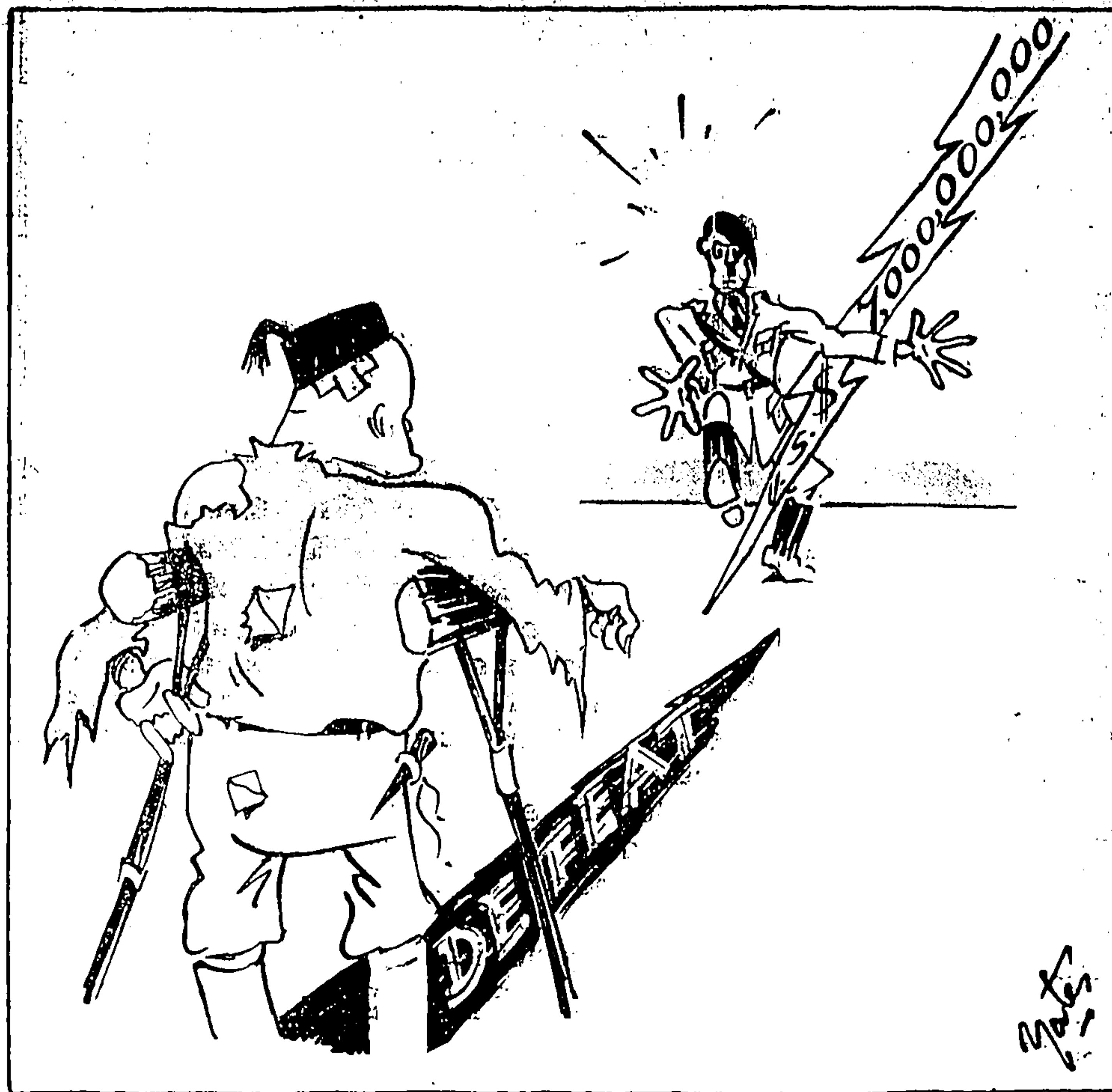
"Give us the tools," said Mr. Churchill, with his formidable emphasis, "and we will finish the job."

Germans having spent a week digesting the Yugoslavian coup and the news of Italy's defeats, and the leaden knowledge having sunk well home, their skies were torn to fury with the night and the finishing of the job was under way before their eyes and above their heads.

For it seems apparent that the arrival in Britain of giant American bombing planes of the Consolidated Liberator type contributed significantly to the crash about Emden of bigger bombs than had ever before fallen upon a German city. Buildings were lifted bodily from their foundations; because celebrated and dreaded long-range bombers were droning overhead.

These bombs shook a people who have been told that no air attack would be allowed to reach them, that Britain is beaten and virtually out of the war, that American aid will not be allowed to reach the British Isles. Yet while this latter part of the fable was being drummed home, the R.A.F. struck its most devastating blow, and with it, gave promise of still heavier blows to come.

The initiative, plainly, is slipping from Hitler's hands. If only America can provide the tools promptly and in sufficient quantity, Britain will finish the job, even sooner perhaps than could at one time be imagined.



ALL WAR SHORT OF AID!

Can Stand Lot More Bombs

Just what the phrase "London had its heaviest raid of the war last night" covers in the way of damage is something that cannot, and will not, be known in detail outside England for weeks.

Reading the dispatches, we know only that the physical damage was considerable and that the casualties, both dead and wounded, were numerous.

The only yardstick by which to judge a big raid is a comparison with the other heavy raids on London.

In one raid, probably the heaviest on the metropolis up to that time, the Germans claimed to have dumped several hundred thousand pounds of bombs on the city. Both German and British sources put the number of planes which hovered over London that night at between 1,000 and 1,500, and they didn't get their money's worth in vital damage done.

Strike in Series Of Waves

Contrary to a popular misconception, this does not mean that 1,500 German planes were over London at one time. The Germans come in a series of waves—each wave comprising only a small number of planes.

Each wave, however, no sooner has unloaded its burden of destruction than the ominous irregular beat of the next wave's engines can be heard approaching. I have stood in the street while a raid was in progress, and it seemed from the ground that the planes were coming in with the regularity of subway trains, but far more often.

Incendiaries Then Explosives

The general practice is for the first planes to drop showers of incendiaries near whatever objectives they happen to be hunting, and the following planes gun for the vicinity of the fires with high-explosive bombs.

To the more or less innocent bystander it quite often seems to develop into a race with the Auxiliary Fire Service working desperately to extinguish the flames before they can guide the next wave of bombers to that objective.

A really heavy raid is at once

one of the most beautiful and one of the most terrifying spectacles imaginable.

Sky Pockmarked With Fire

As the planes approach the London defences, the sky is pockmarked with reddish points of fire where the anti-aircraft shells are bursting. The searchlights cut long white channels through the darkness, and from the ground the

By Frank R. Kent, Jr.

sullen glare of several fires started by incendiaries outlines the antlike figures of the A.F.S. men working heedless of explosives to subdue the flames.

The barking of the guns is almost one continuous roll, and high above is that whirr whirr whirr—the beat of a bombers' engines.

The Climax And The Lull

The sound of the engines gets closer and the guns sound like a pack of deep-throated watchdogs baying furiously at an intruder.

The observer holds his breath waiting for the last note in the symphony of totalitarian war; and then it comes.

There is a sound like an express train getting louder and louder and there is a dull "krump."

Sometimes there are two more, sometimes there is only one. The sound of the plane fades off, and there is a few minutes of comparative silence during which firemen can be heard shouting to each other as they work.

Sometimes Only Silence

If the bomb has fallen very close, you can also hear the clump of heavy shoes as wardens and police run toward the stricken

building and men can be heard calling to each other and to the occupants, "Are you all right?"

Sometimes there is an answer—sometimes there is only silence. Even as they call, shell bursts far away in the night sky give warning of more planes and once again comes the uneven note of bombers' engines.

That, in general, is a picture of what goes on when a heavy raid is in progress.

Armageddon, Then The Dawn

Sometimes the raiders may be concentrating on a relatively small area, sometimes they spread out and several districts will be under fire at the same time. In the thick of the noise, with the reflection of fires glowering in the sky in several quarters the general impression is that Armageddon finally has arrived and London in the morning will be a sea of blackened walls.

With morning, after the all clear has gone, however, you wake up to the familiar sound of buses rumbling through the streets and see the people on their way to work.

They may—and many of them probably have—spent the night in shelters, but they are up and going back to business as usual. You visit the scene of your own particular raid of the night before.

Can Stand A Lot More Of Them

There will be holes gaping in the solid rows of buildings. There will be fire-blackened shells of what once were dwellings or business houses. Here and there a lucky building may be standing with the adjoining structures on both sides reduced to a tumbled heap of rubble.

Undoubtedly, the raiders did a lot of damage. Then you look at the traffic seething through the streets, the stream of life carrying on "business as usual."

And you realize that in spite of the thousands of pounds of bombs, in spite of the fires, the stout-hearted old city can stand a lot more of the "heaviest raids of the war" without having the stream of life, which is London, seriously impeded.

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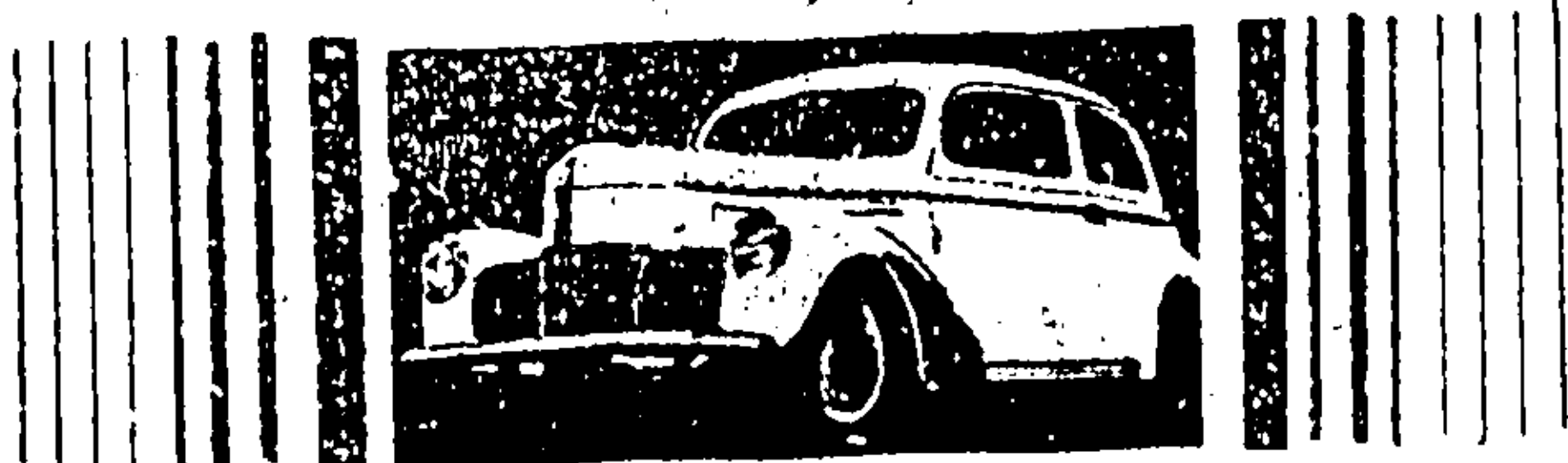
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**OMINOUS NOTE IN
NAZI STREAM OF
ATROCITY STORIES****REPORTS FROM BELGRADE INDICATE A
FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF SERB-CROAT-
SLOVENE UNITY UNDER GENERAL SIMO-
VITCH'S NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.**

The Prime Minister's order of the day has contributed to the calm and discipline of the public which is assured the Government will seek to maintain peace while refusing to compromise the country's independence or honour.

Meantime the Nazi war of nerves has reached a stage of utmost violence. German propaganda is clearly directed to endeavour to create confusion and disorganisation within Yugoslavia:

Conflicting reports are being put about, threats alternating with cajolery, predictions that war is inevitable being followed by assurances of the possibility of a peaceful settlement.

The all too familiar technique resorted to by the Nazis so often in preparation for successive acts of aggression since the annexation of Austria is being faithfully followed. The cue given by the Wilhelmstrasse, that anti-German demonstrations were spreading rapidly in Yugoslavia, was at once taken up by German-controlled radio stations.

Constant Stream

"Atrocity" stories were again yesterday poured out in a constant stream, and the Berlin radio sounded an ominous note when it stated that developments led to the assumption that a "second Bromberg" threatened Germans in Yugoslavia. (Bromberg figured largely in fabricated Nazi allegations of the treatment of Germans in Poland before the 1939 invasion).

"The Times" yesterday remarked: "It seems almost to be a sign of staleness on the part of Hitler that he does not get away from the same old tricks." The atrocity tales contain no novel features—they tell of "indignities," "beatings up" and "murders" of Germans. Nowhere outside the Axis countries and those of their subservient friends

will any credence be given to these reports.

Belgrade Not Deceived

Purpose of these tactics is fully appreciated in Belgrade and the Simovitch Government has the internal situation well in hand.

The Premier's spirited order of the day was welcomed in London as a sign that his Government as a whole is unmoved by Nazi pressure.

To the armed forces he said: "The army, air force and navy are prepared to do their duty," to civilians: "The interest of the country demands that you shall guard your homes and if necessary defend them at the cost of your lives for the sake of the Fatherland, King Peter and the nation."

There are signs that Axis diplomacy in the Balkans has become embarrassed by a shrewd suspicion of the former's responsibility for forcing her unlucky junior partner into the disastrous naval action.

Growing Burden

In informed circles in London it is believed that a general serious weakening in Axis strength has in consequence resulted, and that Italy must from now on be a

**KEROSENE
JUNK
ABLAZE**

A large junk with a cargo of kerosene on board went up in flames whilst sailing near Futaumun Pass at 10.30 p.m. last night.

The blaze was visible for miles around.

The No. 4 Fire Float was despatched from Hong Kong but its services were not necessary since the junk was by then enveloped in flames and sank soon afterwards.

There was another kerosene junk in the vicinity.

The Fire Float rescued 15 members of the junk crew and brought them to Hong Kong shortly after midnight.

WOMEN IN COURT

Nine Chinese women were each fined \$2 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for trespassing at No. 9A, Plantation, above Taipo Road, yesterday.

They were caught on the hill-side cutting grass and breaking branches of trees.

growing burden to Germany, like Austria in 1917 and 1918.

With no heart in the war her deficiencies must constantly be made good by the Nazis.

Italy, it may be assumed, hears with growing anxiety the mounting note of bellicosity towards Yugoslavia in the German press. Italy has to consider her position in Albania if, in an effort to retrieve the failure of Ribbentrop's blackmail on the Tsvetkovitch regime, Germany should provoke hostilities with Yugoslavia.—British Wireless.

**VON HEEREN NOT
EXPECTED TO
RETURN**

**VON HEEREN, GERMAN MINISTER TO YUGOSLAVIA, NOW IN BERLIN, IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO BELGRADE, THOUGH OFFICIAL INTIMATION OF A RUP-
TURE IN YUGOSLAV-GERMAN RELATIONS WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED, SAYS THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCK-
HOLM "AFTONBLADET."**

He adds that any German military action will probably require some weeks of preparation.

Meanwhile uncertainty about the Yugoslav situation has compelled Italy to re-group her forces as a precaution against the threat on a new front in Albania, according to the correspondent.

London Statement

Cheers greeted Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the Commons yesterday when he said that the Yugoslav situation had completely altered since his last statement by the establishment, without any internal disorder, of a new Government.

Mr. Butler added: "The House will have noted with gratification the order of the day of General

Simovitch, in which, after asking that false rumours should be ignored, General Simovitch said his Government were pursuing a friendly policy to all their neighbours."

Mr. Butler added that the British Government were in full and friendly relations with the new Yugoslavian Government.

**Nazis Intensify
Atrocity Campaign**

THE ATROCITY CAMPAIGN AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA ON THE GERMAN RADIO SHOWS SIGNS OF INCREASING INTENSITY LAST NIGHT.

The most extravagant allegations regarding the treatment by the Serbs of German refugees, said to be arriving in trainloads at Graz (Austria), are made on the alleged authority of the refugees themselves.—Reuter.

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Fiercest Fighting Of African War Before Asmara Fell

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Forces in Eritrea, from Asmara)

IT TOOK THREE MONTHS OF THE FIERCEST FIGHTING OF THE WAR IN AFRICA TO REACH ASMARA, CAPITAL OF ITALY'S OLDEST COLONY. THE CITY STANDS ON A GREAT 7,000-FOOT HIGH PLATEAU, PROTECTED ON ALL SIDES BY DIMINISHING RANGES OF HILLS.

Our troops advanced more than 250 miles across country designed for defence, stubbornly pushing back an enemy more than twice their number.

NORTHCOTE TRAINING COLLEGE

Members of the Hong Kong Branch of the China Education Society yesterday paid an informal visit to the Teachers' Training College, which is to be officially opened by H.E. the Governor on April 23.

The College, it is learned, is to be known as the Northcote Training College.

In welcoming the visitors yesterday, Mr. T. R. Rowell outlined the objects of the institution, stressing the growing importance of handwork in the training of children, and the attempt to cultivate the aesthetic side of teachers in training so that later they may lead their pupils to appreciation of the beautiful.

"Again, with the rising price of foodstuffs it becomes increasingly important that teachers should be able to let children know what is the best value for money. Up to the present, the practical work in cookery is done mainly on English lines, but we hope to bring the Chinese methods into the course before long.

Hygiene

"Added to this we have a course in Hygiene specially designed to cover diseases most commonly met with locally and with the conditions which contribute largely to their incidence and with methods of prevention. I hope that a lot of good may come of this in time and that hygiene lessons in schools will cease to be a matter of dry bones, muscles and haemoglobin.

"Physical Education occupies two hours per week and sometimes more and at the end of their two years every student will be capable of taking classes in physical training, not just making Classes go through the movements but knowing what the physical object of the exercises really is."

"With regard to the Universities of Hong Kong and Lingnan, I hope to get closer contact by means of debates and, if possible, competitive games with the education students there. I am very certain that our relations will continue in the future to be as cordial as they have been during the past year. And may I conclude by saying that this College is not in opposition to the University but complementary to it.

I. O. MESSENGER FINED

Ng Chi-hon, 27, messenger of the Immigration Office, was fined \$25 or one month's hard labour, by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for obtaining money by false pretences.

Defendant obtained \$25 from the Immigration Department with a stolen deposit receipt, which he picked up inside the office.

BLACK-OUT OFFENCES

Several fresh summonses in connection with the last "black-out" were dealt with by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Mr. Swye To, manager of Messrs. John Manners and Company, was fined \$10 for failing to obscure a light in the Company's premises at Tung Kun Street.

The lights were visible about 200 yards from the premises. Seven other offenders were fined from \$5 to \$10 each.

SNATCHER GAOLED

Tang Cheong, 17, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for stealing a handbag, containing money and jewellery, valued at \$166, from Mrs. Han Kwei-chun, of No. 2, Woodland Terrace, yesterday.

THEFT AT HOTEL

Two months' hard labour was imposed on Chan Kam-hoi, 18, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for stealing an overcoat and a blanket from the Chitose Hotel yesterday.

depended upon the speed with which they cleared the numerous blocks in the road.

At all but one of these blocks they had to work under fire, yet they cleared them within 12 hours.

Grenadiers Destroyed

In breaking through the fourth road block encountered, our troops destroyed a battalion of Savoy Grenadiers.

Our armoured vehicles advanced along the road to Asmara, Indian troops ranged over the hills on both sides, pushing the Italians off the heights, and simultaneously another mobile force advanced down the railway six miles to the south. Capitulation of the capital was the sequel.—Reuter.

The Italians had an advantage through native troops used to the country. They are renowned fighters but their spirit was broken at Keren by the stubbornness of the British and Indians.

Between Keren and Asmara the Italian High Command appeared to pin its faith on the crack Savoy Grenadiers and other white troops freshly brought from Addis Ababa, but these quickly crumpled before the dash and determination of our forces.

That the Eritrean campaign has been virtually terminated before the rains come is due to the tremendous energy of the general commanding the operation who, although he drove his troops hard, never found response lacking.

Signal Feats

For the greater part of the time our men were fighting on the tops of steep hills two, three and four thousand feet high, yet they always were plentifully supplied with water.

All whom I asked said rations were astonishingly good.

The Signal Corps performed extraordinary feats throughout the campaign. During the Battle of Keren alone they laid 300 miles of wire, keeping it in order over ground constantly swept by machine-gun fire and mortars.

Sappers were also unusually prominent since rapid advance

GERMANS FEEL POWER OF NEW TYPES OF BOMB

JUST OVER a year ago the first British bomb was dropped on German territory. It fell on the seaplane base on the island of Sylt, on March 18, 48 hours after the first German bombing attack was made on British soil. Nazi bombs had been dropped on the Orkneys, causing a number of civilian casualties.

Second stage in Britain's counter bombing of Germany consisted of attacks by the R.A.F. on military lines of communication in western Germany.

These attacks began on May 11, 1940, and close'y followed the Luftwaffe's bombing of Calais, in which many civilians were killed and injured and which heralded the German offensive in the west.

Since those first attacks, which resembled the preliminary sparring of a pair of boxers, the weight and tempo of bombing on both sides have grown.

Handicapped at the outset with numerical inferiority, the R.A.F. had to adopt a policy which ensured that its necessarily lighter punches each landed where it would hurt most.

In a fight between a cruiser-weight and a heavyweight it is the heavier who can do the slogging. The lighter man, to win, must fight with his brain.

Changing Picture

But things have been changing. The four years lead in air rearmament which the Nazis held has been gradually reduced.

Faster and bigger bombers and crews to man them have been pouring from Britain's factories and training schools, augmented by the growing resources of the Empire. The rising flood is now further swollen by supplies of aircraft from America.

Recently the Prime Minister was able to promise that the adverse balance of bombing under which Britain fought would presently be altered to the British advantage, and for some time past the R.A.F. has been using some of the biggest and fastest bombers in the world.

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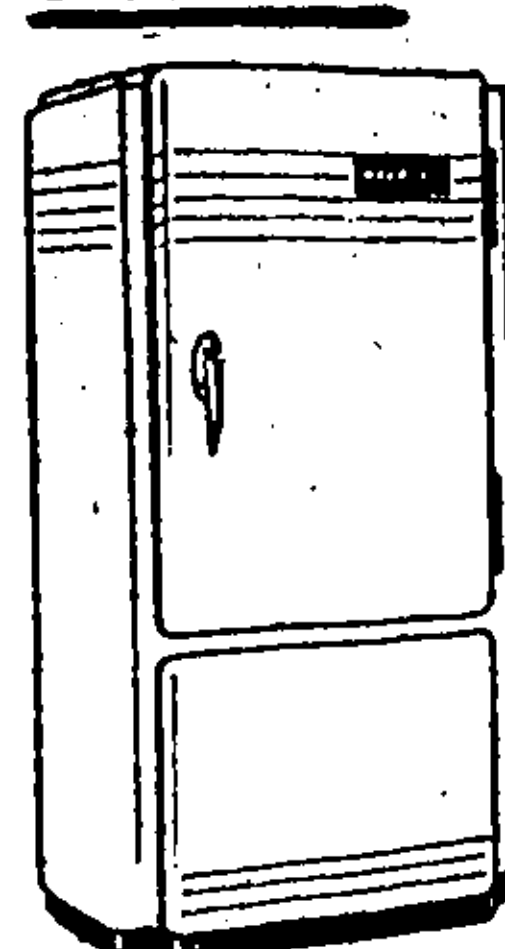
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3rd APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON, Manager, Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY, the 4th April, 1941, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

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Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1941.

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 7th day of April, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2846.	Un Chau Street between New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1146 and 2126, Cheung Sha Wan.	N. B. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 4,800. \$86.	\$2,500.

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NOTICE

THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING, 1941

Races Nos. 7 and 11—
Second Day—
Coolgardie Stakes

Attention is drawn to the conditions of the above races, which should read as follows:—

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Note.—One Entry only will be made for the Coolgardie Stakes (Races Nos. 7 and 11). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections by a Draw.

Ponies that are entered for this race are barred from entering for the Rosehill Stakes, Races Nos. 5 or 8 on the 1st Day.

In the event of there being less than 21 Entries for this race, only one section will be run.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Crime Doesn't Pay!
No. 37

By The Four Aces

To-day's crime hand isn't much of a problem, but it's the most amusing hand we've seen in months:

South, Dealer.

Neither side vulnerable

♠ K Q 10 9 2
♥ A Q J 4
♦ 8 2
♣ Q 9
♠ A J 4
♥ K 10 9 8
♦ 3
♣ Q J 10 5
♠ 8
♥ 7 2
♦ A K 9 7
♣ A K J 10 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	2♠
4♣	Pass	4♥	10♠
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the six of hearts, and South wished he hadn't overbid so much. But, as though he hadn't a care in the world, he finessed dummy's heart. Jack East took the King of hearts and went into a long huddle. Certainly, he reasoned, South must be void of spades to bid the slam and lose the first trick so blithely. South must therefore have a lot of diamonds; so East returned a trump to prevent South from ruffing too many diamonds in the dummy.

All of this reasoning was a bit silly for the simple reason that South undoubtedly knew the location of the spade Ace. So if South had no spades, he would ruff out the Ace and set up dummy's long suit. East's only real chance was to lay down the spade Ace and hope for the best; and that play would, of course, have defeated the Slam.

What actually happened was much more interesting. When East returned a trump, South heaved a sigh of relief and ran all six trumps. Dummy discarded a diamond and three spades, but East found himself in trouble. He came down to the lone Ace of spades and three diamonds but dared not make any further discards in those suits, so had to discard a second heart. Thereupon South led his heart to cash three heart tricks in the dummy; and the last heart trick squeezed East once more!

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 7 5 3
♥ K 4 2
♦ K 8 6
♣ A 10 5 2

The bidding:
Schenken... Jacoby... Yes... Make...
1♥... 1♠... 2♥... 2♠...
4♥... 4♠... (??)

ANSWER: Double. Your balanced hand lends you to believe that you will not have a particularly good play for five hearts but should beat four spades with top cards in the side suits. Failure to double makes your partner guess what action to take, and he doesn't know what type of hand you hold.

Score: 100% for double, 40% for pass, 20% for five hearts.

Question No. 681

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, and you hold:

♠ 7 5 3
♥ K 8 4 2
♦ 8 2
♣ K J 5 3 1

The bidding:
Jacoby... Schenken... Yes... Make...
1♥... 1♠... 2♥... 2♠...
4♥... 4♠... (??)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



Gold digging Gerlie says the bigger the stone the harder she falls.

FATSHAN MAY SAIL NEXT WEEK

The s.s. Fatshan may shortly sail for Canton, the "China Mail" was authoritatively informed this morning.

It is hoped that the vessel may undertake the trip on Tuesday morning, but the date has not yet been confirmed by the Japanese authorities in Canton.

Arrivals at Canton from Hong Kong will, however, be subject to 48 hours in quarantine.

AIR MAIL FOR ARMY OF THE NILE

It was announced in London yesterday that a special air mail post card service is being introduced for the personnel of British forces serving in the Middle East.

Post cards will be carried all the way by air to bases in the Middle East, where they will be delivered by the Army postal service. — Reuter.

INDIAN CONSTABLE MOBBED

Mobbed by hawkers in Shanghai Street last night, an Indian constable suffered injuries which required that he be sent to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

The arrival of another Indian constable saved the man from further injury.

Several of the hawkers were detained for questioning.

NEW YORKERS BUY A SPITFIRE

Among recent gifts for the purchase of aircraft acknowledged by the Minister of Aircraft Production is £25,000 from the Linen Trade Association of New York, says British Wireless.

X-rayed 11 times for STOMACH TROUBLE

Do you suffer with your stomach? Do you know the agony of indigestion and stomach sickness? If so, read the letter below, and follow the good advice it contains.

"I have been a very bad sufferer with my stomach for nearly six years," writes Mr. J. H. "I have tried hundreds of remedies but have never had anything to do me as much good as your powder. I attended hospital a long time; they put me under X-ray 11 times and gave me lots of medicine, but never told me what my trouble was. I have not been able to eat a decent meal for nearly six years—but I am glad to tell you that after taking only three bottles of Maclean Brand Stomach Powder I can now eat a good meal without getting any pain. I shall always recommend anybody suffering from stomach trouble to take your powder."

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Vitamin C Easily Destroyed

Vitamin C is vital to the health of the blood vessels, it favours good bone and tooth formation, and cooperates with other vitamins in building defence against infection and bacterial poisons. It stimulates growth through increased appetite.

A lack of sufficient Vitamin C may be detected through very pale or bleeding gums; poor resistance to infections including colds; defective, soft teeth; tender joints and digestive disturbances.

Vitamin C is found abundantly in these foods: red peppers, green peppers, horseradish, parsley, kohlrabi, collards, liver, turnip greens, watercress, spinach and tomatoes.

It is found in appreciable amounts in these foods: grapefruit, lemon, orange and pineapple juices; brussels sprouts, average cabbage, cauliflower, gooseberries, yellow dried peaches, radish, green peas, turnips, cantaloupe, asparagus, tangerines, strawberries, raspberries, bananas and apples.

Protect Vitamin C Foods

As you scan the above list of foods you will see that most foods containing Vitamin C may be eaten raw—and they should be eaten raw in juice form or as salads. It has been discovered that Vitamin C is quickly destroyed through cooking and by storing as air attacks it. Try to eat the fruits and vegetables listed soon after you get them from the market or your diet will be sadly deficient in Vitamin C.



Any woman's smile is great enhanced by a set of strong, white teeth. HELEN PARRISH must have been fed sufficient Vitamins by an intelligent parent!

A large portion of Vitamin C is lost when foods are canned — some remains however, if canning is done under partial vacuum. Do not discard the water from Vitamin C canned foods.

How It Is Concentrated

If your own common sense convinces you that you might benefit by a larger supply of Vitamin C, you should include foods containing it in two of every three meals. If your physician determines that you are woefully lacking this valuable Vitamin you may take it in concentrated form. However, abundant fresh fruit juices and fresh vegetables juices (extracted by a juicer), or fruit and vegetable salads, are the best method of giving nature a hand and should be tried first. Persons who suffer constantly with colds have found sufficient Vitamin C to be the cure. Every housewife should acquaint herself with the new hand or electric juicers which separate the juice from the pulp of any vegetable or fruit. With few exceptions the entire vegetable and fruit (including skin) should be put into the juicer after washing thoroughly. Valuable nourishment is contained in most skins.

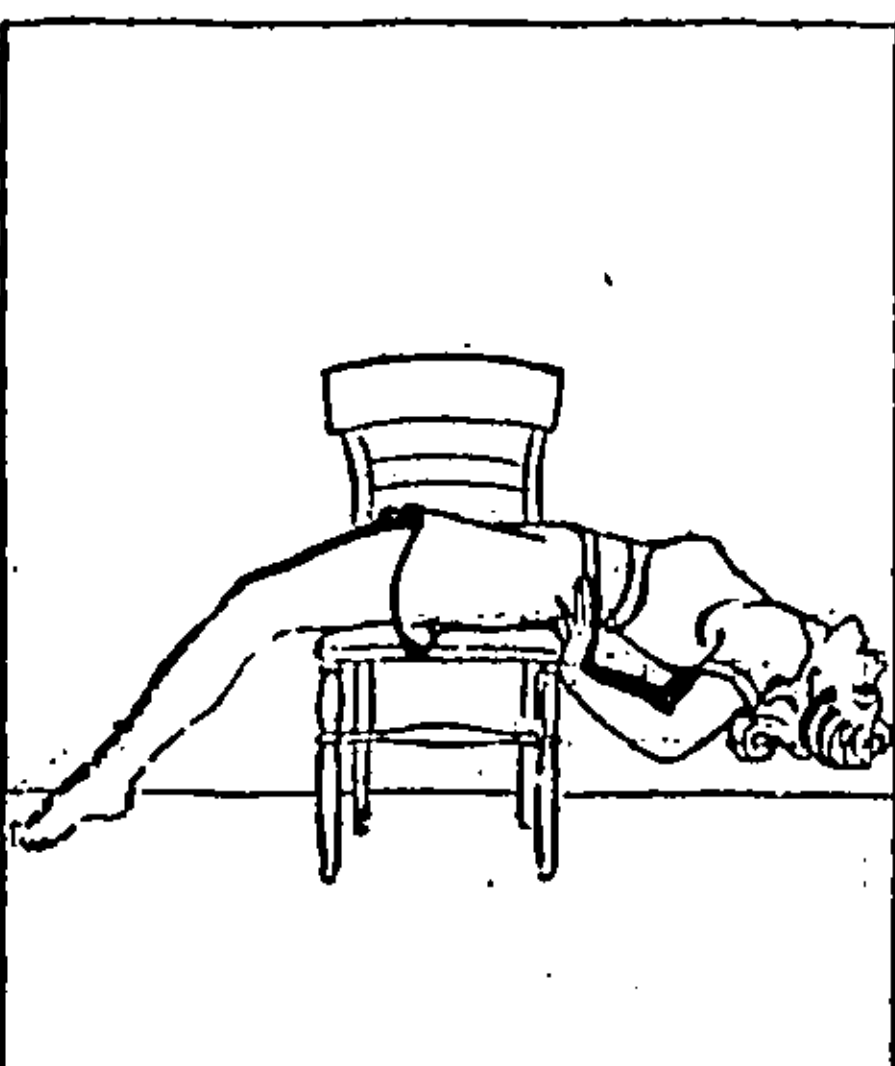
hard mattress, or on a softer mattress supported by four inch wide slats. The slats are placed about eighteen inches apart, across the bed. They prevent the mattress from sagging and thus your spine gets better support throughout the night. No person interested in good health should sleep on a soft or feather mattress.

Another cardinal rule to follow is—do not slouch when you walk or stand. Your spine desires to be held erect. If you stand in good posture with abdomen drawn in and up, shoulders back, though relaxed, head nicely balanced on tip of spine, and buttocks tucked under, you will sense a relief from fatigue. While shopping or working about the house, pause a moment to stand in good posture and it will amaze you how quickly fatigue will banish. If you can breathe in fresh air for a moment or two as you thus stand, a physical well-being will be experienced.

Limber & Strengthen Spine

If your backbone doesn't respond to your bidding you are bound to have aches and pains. Your normal, healthy posture depends upon a limber and strong spine and if you suffer backaches the chances are your spine needs exercise and perhaps a new mattress!

Let's test the flexibility of your spine first. Place a straight back chair or bench in the centre of the room. Lie across it (as illustrated)



Stiff spines can be limbered by this simple back-bending exercise.

trated) so your sacrum rests on the seat. Your upper spine is free of the chair and so are your legs from knees down.

Place your hands on your hips and KEEPING YOUR FEET TOUCHING FLOOR lower your head toward floor slowly. Bend down as far as you can and then slowly rise to a sitting position. Rehearse five times first day and add one count each day following. In a few days you should be able to touch the floor with your head, and rise very slowly to a sitting position.

At first, unless you are most flexible, you will have to help yourself up to the sitting position. Later all aid is taboo! This exercise, incidentally, is splendid for strengthening the abdominal muscles too.

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INWARD MAILS

FROM	DUE
Canton	Apr. 5.
Sandakan	Apr. 5.
Sandakan	Apr. 5.
Swatow	Apr. 6.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 1st April	Apr. 8.
Java and Manila	Apr. 7.
Canton	Apr. 8.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 21st March)	Apr. 11.
Rangoon	Apr. 11.
Calcutta and Straits	Apr. 12.
Australia and Manila	Apr. 14.
Japan and Manila	Apr. 14.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 8th April	Apr. 15.
Rangoon and Straits	Apr. 16.
Rangoon and Straits	Apr. 17.
United Kingdom and Straits	Apr. 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Manila (San Francisco date, 19th March)	Apr. 19.
Calcutta and Straits	Apr. 20.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 4

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SATURDAY, APRIL 5
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Ord. 4.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. 4.00 p.m.
Ord. 4.30 p.m.

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MONDAY, APRIL 7

Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways." K.P.O.

Reg. 10.30 a.m.
Ord. 11.00 a.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. 10.30 a.m.
Ord. 11.00 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta, 11.00 a.m.
Parcels 11.00 a.m.
Letters Noon.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco-Marques and South Africa 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services." K.P.O.

Reg. 5.00 p.m.
Ord. 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Reg. 5.00 p.m.
Ord. 5.30 p.m.

Canton 7.00 p.m.
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RADIO CHUNGKING OFFICIAL CHANGES

At the final general meeting in Chungking yesterday of the C.E.C. Plenary Session, the following decisions affecting personnel changes were reached:

Dr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to Great Britain, is to be Minister of Foreign Affairs, succeeding Dr. Wang Chung-hui, who becomes Secretary-General of the Supreme National Defence Council.

General Chang Chun, Chairman of the Szechwan Provincial Government, who has been concurrently Secretary-General of the Council, is relieved of the latter post.

Mr. Liu Wei-tze, Vice-Minister of Railways, is appointed Minister of Overseas Affairs, replacing General Wu Te-chen who is to be Secretary-General of the Central Party Headquarters, succeeding Mr. Yeh Chu-tsang, resigned owing to ill-health.

Messrs. Chen Ching-yun and Tai Hui-sheng are appointed Vice-Ministers of Overseas Affairs.

Mr. Tseng Yang-fu is relieved of his post as Acting Vice-Minister of the Organisation Department of the Central Party Headquarters and is succeeded by Mr. Chang Chung.

A Ministry of Foreign Trade and a Food Control Ministry is to be created under the Executive Yuan.

CHINA'S INTERNAL REFORMS

SPEAKING AT A DINNER PARTY GIVEN IN HONOUR OF THE C.E.C. AND C.S.C. MEMBERS ATTENDING THE 8th PLENARY SESSION LAST EVENING, GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK COMMENDED THE GOOD SPIRIT WHICH PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE SESSION.

He emphasised the importance of strict enforcement of the resolutions.

Besides personnel changes in Kuomintang Headquarters and the National Government, the most important decision reached at the Session was the adoption of the Three-Year Wartime Reconstruction Plan.

Next in importance were the introduction of government salt, sugar and tobacco monopolies, and the introduction of the Kuomintang's land policy in which each land-owner will make his own assessment of government levies.

Another significant decision was that instead of the provincial treasuries, the Central Government will resume collection of land tax in order to meet war-time needs.—Central News.

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RECORD YEAR FOR WATSON'S CENTENARY

A RECORD PROFIT coinciding with the Company's centenary year was announced this morning at the annual meeting of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company, Limited.

It was also stated that the proposal to hold a celebration to mark the centenary had been dropped as out of harmony with the critical times.

Mr. D. E. Clark presided and was supported by Mr. J. Scott Harston, The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow and Mr. S. T. Williamson, Directors, also Mr. Wm. Paterson, Secretary and Director.

The Chairman said:—This year, marking as it does the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the business, it gives me added pleasure to be in a position to present to Shareholders so favourable a Report — it is in fact our best on record.

However, before referring to the figures shown in the Accounts, I consider it appropriate on this occasion to give you briefly, an outline of our early history.

In the same year that Hong Kong was transferred to the British flag, a Naval Surgeon conceived the idea of establishing a dispensary — it was a matched affair situated at what was then known as Possession Point and fulfilled the function of furnishing medical requirements to the Services under the title of "The Hong Kong Dispensary," a name which is still associated with the Retail Drug portion of our present day business. Dr. A. S. Watson, to whom our Company owes its name, did not arrive in the Colony until 1858 and, as may be imagined, the activities of the concern were confined almost entirely to the dispensing of medicines and the sale of druggists' sundries although it is of interest to note that even at that early stage, the manufacture and sale of Aerated Waters was carried on.

Fluctuations

During the many years I have been associated with the Company — first of all in London and subsequently here — I have naturally witnessed many changes affecting the development of the Colony and, consequently, business life of this community. Like all other concerns our Company has on this account experienced fluctuations of fortune and I can well recollect—about thirty years ago when the Company was undergoing one of its difficult periods—certain anonymous correspondence appeared in the local Press written, presumably, by a Shareholder, to the effect that the Company was moribund and, consequently, should be wound up. Replying to this, the Chairman at that time—Mr. Henry Humphreys—not only convincingly refuted this contention, but additionally indicated that our business, far from being moribund as asserted, had on the other hand never been in a stronger financial position. All this, of course, is a matter of more or less ancient history. It is nevertheless a source of pride and satisfaction to the Management to be able to state, without fear of contradiction, that the Company at the present time enjoys a far sounder standing than ever before.

Regarding the future outlook, it is impossible for one to venture more than a guess, particularly in view of existing circumstances; I shall not therefore attempt anything of this nature, but I can rightly state that we enter on our second century of operations full of confidence concerning the years ahead. Referring to the figures now before you, it will be noted that net profit for the year amount to \$436,831.26, this being some \$60,000 better than the preceding year which, as you will probably recollect, included a profit of \$52,560 accruing from the sale of our Kowloon Dispensary building. In arriving at the aforementioned profit, allowance was made covering reservation of \$50,000, being assessed amount due as Corporation Tax for 1941/2 and payable at the end of the current year. Additionally, Profit and Loss Account includes donation of \$10,000 which was made to the South China Morning Post Bazaar Fund.

On the Assets side of the Balance Sheet the principal items calling for comment are "Stores in Trade and Sundry Stores" which show increase of \$176,549.07. This, however, cannot be regarded as abnormal, in view of the volume of business now being handled, also anticipated difficulties in the near future in obtaining

necessary supplies of further stock requirements, owing to shortage of tonnage and other factors consequent on the prevailing situation.

Sundry Debtors and Debt Balance (less reserve for Bad and Doubtful Debts) amount to \$365,120.13, a decrease of almost \$40,000 on the figure previously given, and attributable to necessary curtailment of credit facilities owing to the hazards involved, also to remittances covering outstandings being received more promptly than hitherto. As regards cash with our Bankers, the amount of \$228,258.49 shows an increase of \$214,291.13 over the figure given in the previous Balance Sheet.

Canton Success

It is satisfactory to note that all Departments have contributed substantially towards this favourable balance. In particular our Canton Branch, after adverse results for the last few years, showed a fair profit on the year's working, a commendable performance. I am sure you will agree, taking into consideration the difficulties and restrictions which the present situation in that area imposes on trading operations.

Before concluding my remarks, I feel it opportune to relate to you a pleasing incident that occurred in recent months, when I received a letter addressed to me personally. On opening the envelope I was surprised to find \$2,000 in Bank notes with a covering letter in Chinese which, on translation, indicated that the sender had transacted business with "Watson's" about 40 years ago but, unfortunately, his firm went into bankruptcy owing our Company about \$1,500; continuing, the writer advised that subsequent to that time he had "made good" and, returning to the Colony on retirement, he had not forgotten this amount owed by him and consequently, in order to repay his debt plus interest, he now enclosed the aforesaid amount. We were unable to get in touch with the sender as no address was given, but in accordance with his suggestion we acknowledged this remittance in the local Chinese press. I trust you will agree with me that this gentleman's very worthy action deserves special mention.

Restoring Property

Regarding the recommendations as to allocation of profits, you will observe that it is proposed to transfer \$100,000 to Building Improvements. Explaining our action in this matter, I would mention that our Hong Kong properties include ten Chinese houses at Electric Road, North Point, near our Warehouse Department and Aerated Water Factory, which are utilised as staff quarters. These tenements are not only old, but generally dilapidated; consequently it is our plan to remodel them almost entirely, modernising them in accordance with present day requirements. This work, I may add, has already been put in hand and these premises should be ready for occupation in a matter of four to five months' time.

I now formally propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts, as presented, be adopted and that the Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account be appropriated as follows:—To pay a Dividend of 80 cents per Share absorbing \$120,000; To pay a Bonus of 60 cents per Share, \$90,000; To transfer to General Reserve, \$100,000; To place to Reserve for building improvements, \$100,000; To transfer to Chinese Staff Superannuation Account, \$10,000; And Carry Forward to Next Account, \$83,058.85.

Secunder's Speech

Mr. F. W. Stapleton, in seconding the proposal, said:—I have listened with particular interest to our Chairman's remarks dealing with the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the business, especially as I happen to hold the distinction of being associated with "Watsons" since 1889, when I became a member of the staff and, after varied experience man-

CHINESE ESTATES PROFITS

A profit of \$180,510 last year was disclosed at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Chinese Estates, Limited, held today.

Among those present at the meeting were Mr. Leung Kwai-tin (Chairman) the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Kt., C.M.G., LL.D., Mr. Lau Tak-po, Mr. Leung Ting-kai, Mr. Li Ka-sze and Mr. Fung Ping-fan (Directors).

Presenting the annual report, the Chairman said:—"A comparison with last year's figures reveals an increase in the net profit for the year by \$24,288.98 over that of the previous year. I trust that shareholders will consider this result satisfactory, bearing in mind that a sum of \$17,875.90 was paid in respect of War Taxation. It is also gratifying to note that, in spite of the erection in the neighbourhood of several new buildings suitable for offices, the demand for office-rooms in China Building remains undiminished, and that during the year under review all office rooms and shops were let. This was, no doubt, due to the advantageous position of the building, and to the extensive structural improvements which have been effected in recent years.

"The amount of \$30,000 provided for Reserve for Depreciation on China Building is \$20,000 less than that of the previous year. Shareholders may remember that for 1938 and 1939 the amount annually provided for this purpose was \$30,000, but last year your Directors, having due regard to the uncertainty of the time, adopted the prudent policy of increasing the provision to \$50,000. However, the receipts of the past twelve months have shown an actual increase instead of a decrease, and your Directors, taking into consideration this fact, and also the facts that the Company has now to pay War Taxation amounting to nearly \$20,000 and that the amount standing to the balance of this Reserve has reached the sum of \$50,000, have decided to revert to the sum of \$30,000 as an appropriation for this head of expenditure. This action has the concurrence of the Auditor.

"There have already been four payments of interim dividends, three of \$3 a share and one of \$2 a share, amounting in all to \$11 a share. Your Directors are now pleased to recommend a final dividend of \$2 a share, making in all \$13 a share for the year, as compared with \$10 a share for the previous year. The reasons which prompted your Directors to pay such dividends and at such intervals are the exceptionally high cost of living that has been prevailing in the Colony, and the requests received from many shareholders to pay as many and as large dividends as the financial position of the Company would permit. Your Directors must, however, make it clear that these payments have been made in exceptional circumstances, and may not be possible in the future.

"After payment of the final dividend, which absorbs \$33,000.00, there will be a balance of \$93,700.00, which your Directors propose, with your approval, to carry forward to new Account.

"It is with very deep regret that your Directors have to record the death in September last of Mr. Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E., who was a founder of this Company, and whose advice and assistance had been invaluable to the Company. In recognition of Mr. Li's services, your Directors have co-opted his son, Mr. Li Ka-sze, to fill the vacancy.

aging branches in Amoy, Foo-chow and Manila, in addition to many years' service at their Hong Kong establishments, I retired from the Company in 1925. Incidentally, it may be of interest, on this occasion, to record the fact that I happen to be the only member of the Staff, now in the Colony, who had the opportunity of attending the celebrations held to mark the occasion of the Company's Jubilee in 1891.

As may be imagined, the occasion of the Company's Centenary recalls to memory many—what might be termed—colourful incidents associated with the operations of the business of these earlier times and, it is in the nature of things, that very many changes have occurred; with the years affecting staff personnel and the fortunes of the Company. It is, however, a source of much satisfaction to know that the 'old firm' has reached its century full of vigour, with moribund tendencies still a very long way off. Despite the difficulties of present day trading conditions, I feel sure that all Shareholders will concur with our Chairman that we start on our second century with the knowledge that the Company now occupies an exceedingly sound position and, consequently, we can safely regard the future with hope and confidence.

Mr. J. Scott Harston, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. S. T. Williamson and Mr. Wm. Paterson were re-elected as Directors, and Mr. C. Bernard Brown and Mr. S. T. Butler as Auditors.

LOCAL SHARES

H.K. GOVT. LOANS	
3½% Loan (1934)	94½ b. \$94½
BANKS	
Hong Kong Bank	\$1350 b.
Bank of East Asia	\$71 b.
INSURANCES	
Canton Ins.	\$225 b.
H.K. Fire-Ins.	\$190 b.
SHIPPING	
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	\$80 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.	
H.K. and K. Wharves	\$88 b.
H.K. Docks (Old)	\$16 b., \$16.05 s., \$15.80/16 sa.
Providents	\$5.40 b., \$5.37½/40 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	
H.K. and S. Hotels X.D.	\$3 b.
H.K. Lands	\$33 b., \$33 sa.
Humphreys	\$6.80 b.
H.K. Realities	\$3.15 b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H. K. Tramways	\$16½ b.
Yau-mat Ferries	\$23¼ b.
China Lights (Old)	\$6.20 b., \$6.20/¼ sa.
China Lights (New)	\$1¼ b.
Elec. (Old) X. Rts.	\$26.15 b.
Elec. (New)	\$25¼ b.
Elec. Rts.	\$15¼ b.
Macao Electrics (Old)	\$18½ b.
Macao Electrics (New)	\$17½ b.
Telephones (Old)	\$23½ b.
Telephones (New)	\$9.20 b.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cements	\$18 b.
H.K. Ropes	\$7½ b.
STORES, &C.	
Dairy Farms X.D.	\$17¼ b.
Watsons X.D.	\$9.85 b., \$9¼ sa.
MISCELLANEOUS	
Entertainments X.D.	\$6.30 b.
LAST DAY'S SALES	
\$5,000 H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan @ 94½	
100 Docks @	\$15.80
200 Docks @	\$15.85
400 Docks @	\$15.90
100 Docks @	\$16
1,500 Providents @	\$5.37½
1,000 Providents @	\$5.40
1,750 Lights (Old) @	\$6.20
400 Lights @	\$6¼
500 Watsons @	\$9¼
200 Lands @	\$33

FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning on Tong Wong, 32, for obtaining money by false pretences.

On March 28, accused went to Warner's Cafe, Cheungshawan Road, and asked for contributions to start a club for Sanitary Department employees.

The master had him arrested. Accused later admitted that he had obtained \$2 by that method from two houses in Shamshuipo.

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ENGINEERS WIN TITLE

Air Force Third Division Championship Chances

Are Jeopardised Shield Finalists Bow To Royals

By "Referee"

THE WINNING of the Second Division title by Engineers, as the result of an easy win over Sing Tao, the defeat of Royal Navy, one of the senior Shield Finalists at the hands of Royal Scots and the Air Force's lapse in Third Division—which may cause a play-off for the title with Signals—when they were held to a draw by 36th Royal Artillery, were the outstanding features of yesterday's football games.

Air Force dropped a very valuable point when they were held to a one-all draw at Happy Valley in their postponed game against 36th Royal Artillery after being in arrears at the interval.

Air Force were well served by two good backs in Edmunds and Hemley and it was the good work of these two that prevented Gash from being unduly troubled. They proved the greatest obstacle to the Gunners' forwards. In the pivotal position Berry also played well. He kept his forwards well supplied with passes and was always up to assist them. Neither of his wing halves assisted the attack much but did well on the defensive.

Ho Kar-keung was slow in the attack though he was seen in several good movements. Bartlett and Mansfield were the better wing combination and the latter often covered ground quickly but did not centre too well.

Good Wingers

Both the Gunners' wingers, Burgess, on the right and Goodenough, on the left, were fast and were the source of continual danger to Air Force defence. Jones in the centre-forward berth required constant watching and it was fortunate that both Edmunds and Hemley, the opposing backs, were in form.

Evans played a hard game in the centre-half berth while Ainsworth generally had the better of Goodwin, the right-winger. Gwyther and Todd were safe backs while Waller brought off some good saves particularly in the second half.

Gunners scored early in the game through Burgess and held that lead till the interval. Bartlett equalised for Air Force early in the second half.

Air Force—Gash, Hemley, Edmunds, Connolly, Berry, Palling, Goodwin, Richardson, Ho Kar-keung, Bartlett and Mansfield.

ROYAL NAVY LOSE

Royal Scots beat Royal Navy by 3 goals to 1 at Soekunpoo yesterday in the First Division.

In the first half, Navy had full share of the play and after the forwards had indulged in some nice movements, Hendy ran through on his own to score the first goal. At this stage, the whole Naval team were playing grand football, the defence keeping the Scots' forwards well in check, while their own forwards were continually shooting.

In the second half, the Scots' team improved greatly, and after Hossack had equalised through a penalty, Auld added two quick goals, both of which were headed into the net.

Navy tried hard to reduce the arrears, but the stout defence of the Scots held them back.

ROYAL NAVY—Gill, Roughley, O'Hagan, Paul, Hazard, Layhe, Wharmby, Le Page, Hendy, Barber and Hawkins.

ROYAL SCOTS—Bankier, Naysmith, Fraser, Adamson, Parnaby, Marshall, Hossack, James, Auld, Munro and Gilroy.

Sappers Win Title

Royal Engineers won the Second Division Championship when they convincingly beat Sing Tao by 3 goals to 1 at Soekunpoo yesterday. Engineers' defence kept the rival Chinese forwards from attacking and as a result, Moxham, in goal, had little to do.

Fox opened the score for the Engineers five minutes from the start and there was no further scoring in the first half.

On resumption, Engineers scored through Li Wai-lam and in a raid, the Chinese replied through Tam Woon-cheung. A few minutes later Birrell made the game safe with a well-placed goal.

ROYAL ENGINEERS—Moxham, Palmer, Tam Chung-pak, Chan Ying-kuen, Shaw, Taylor, Li Wai-lam, Birrell, Fox, Polham, F. Jones.

SING TAO—Yee U-tak, Kwok Ping-tung, Richard King, Shin Yau-san, Lou Tin-sun, Tam Chundai, Chu Kam-sing, Shiu Din-lim, Fung Kwai-shing, Tam Moon-cheung, Cheung, Moon-wing.

30TH R.A. BEAT POLICE

At Boundary Street, 30th Royal Artillery beat Police in Second Division by the only goal scored, by Webber in the first half.

Gunners were the better team and most of the play was in Police half. The Police were weak in front of goal and their finishing poor.

Tate, Tuckley and Guille were outstanding for Gunners, while Hogart and Bodie were the best of the Police players.

SHIELD FINALS SATURDAY WEEK

At the meeting of the League Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday it was decided that the Finals of the Shield competitions will be played on Saturday, April 12 on Navy ground.

The Champions versus Best game will be played on Monday, April 14 at Caroline Hill after which the trophies of the various divisions will be distributed.

The Final game of the Governor's Cup Competition will be played on Cub ground on Saturday, April 19.

The following have been chosen to represent The Rest against South China (First Division champions): Bankier, Roughley and Blackburn, Freshwater, Hsu King-sang and Thomas; Fowler, Fung, King-cheong, Hendy (Capt.), Barber and Hau Ching-to.

Reserves: Lapsley, Fraser, Bright, Maxwell, Soong Ling-sing, Lepage, Howlett, Ferrier and Reirsen.

SOCCER INTERPORT

At the meeting of the League Management Committee held yesterday evening it was decided to send invitations to the following players to participate in the annual Interport soccer match with Macao which is to take place in the Portuguese Colony on April 20.

Fowler, Rlertaen, Blackburn, Pope, Howlett, Ferrier, Maxwell, Lapsley, Lee Wai-tong (Capt.), Cheong Wing-choi, Tsang Chung-wan, Fung King-cheong, Soong Ling-sing, Hau King-sing and Hau Ching-to.

DOUBLE T.K.O. IS UNSATISFACTORY

While Michigan's boxing commissioner, John J. Hatches, has upheld a verdict of a double technical knockout ending a recent Detroit bout, he is conferring with authorities in other states to arrive at a more satisfactory decision when both fighters are injured, writes a correspondent from Detroit. In a fight between Pat Carroll and Sammy Seena, referee Clarence Rosen decreed a double T.K.O. when the commission physician said both fighters were unable to continue because of cuts.

CHOY TO PLAY P.K. HOOL

The Finals of the Intra-University Badminton Tournaments will be played off on Saturday commencing at 2 p.m. at the Eu Tong-sen Gymnasium.

All the matches promise to be close and exciting affairs.

The best game should be between K. W. Choy, the brilliant newcomer from Malaya, and P. K. Hool, former Colony triple titleholder.

This will be the first time that Choy will meet really serious opposition.

Following is the programme:—

MEN'S SINGLES
K. W. Choy v P. K. Hool.
MEN'S DOUBLES
T. T. Chin and C. Y. Lee v K. B. Low and P. K. Hool.

LADIES' DOUBLES
Miss S. Palushinsky and Miss M. Fatima v Miss Li Wai-kuen and Miss L. Ghows.

MIXED DOUBLES
Miss K. J. Hung and K. W. Choy v Miss L. Ghows and H. F. Chew.

Exhibition Matches

MIXED DOUBLES
Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveria v Miss U. Khoo and P. S. Bun.

MEN'S SINGLES
M. P. Young v S. L. Yong.

RUMJAHNS' SUCCESS

In the Open Doubles of the tennis tournament yesterday the holders, H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn, were given a good match by their clubmates, I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu, the cousins winning by 7-5, 6-4.

In the only other Open match Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Ip beat B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow, 6-1, 6-3.

Results of Club matches were as follows:

Championship:—H. R. Oxlade beat G. W. Sewell 6-3, 4-0, 7-5.

R. E. Guest beat Stirling Lee 6-3, 6-2, 8-6.

M. Pagh beat T. J. Gould 8-6, 8-6.

Handicap Singles:—H. J. Armstrong (15.3) beat H. van Leeuwen (2.6) 6-3, 6-3.

STAND COURT TO BE USED

The Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club will be used for the first time this season this afternoon, Tsui Wai-pui being opposed by the promising K. H. Ip, South China A.A. champion.

Following is the programme:—

Open Singles
Tsui Wai-pui v K. H. Ip (Stand Court).

Paul Kong v Tsui Yan-pui (8).

Club Handicap Doubles
C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (15.2) v R. E. Guest and B. C. Fay (3.0) or F. W. Carter and E. J. Thursby (2.6) (2); D. S. Robb and G. W. E. Bishop (sec.) v H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth (15) (4).

Club Handicap Mixed Doubles
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet (plus 1.6) v V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair (4.6) (3).

Sgt. Rushman, R.M. (23); 6, Sgt. Cole, R.M. (23); 7, Sgt. McWilliams, 2.R.S. (23); 8, Pte. Stewart, 2.R.S. (22); 9, Sgt. Menhirick, R.M. (22) and 10, Sgt. J. R. Wall, H.K.P. (22).

Special Prize:—1, Edms. Nix, 1st Mdx. (21); 2, Pte. Higgins, 2.R.S. (20); 3, Pte. Bell-Chambers, 1st Mdx. (18); 4, Pte. Ward, 1st Mdx. (18); 5, L/Cpl. Quickendon, 1st Mdx. (17); 6, L.A.C. Callaghan, R.A.F. (16); 7, Pte. Burke, 1st Mdx. (13) and 8, L/Cpl. Munchenbach, 1st Mdx. (13).

Falling Plate Competition (Semi-Finals):—"C" Company, Middlesex Regiment beat "D" Company, 5/7th Rajputana Rifles and H.M.S. Tamar beat H.Q. 5/7th Rajputana Rifles.

Final:—H.M.S. Tamar beat "C" Company, Middlesex Regiment.

Individual Services Revolver Championship:—1, Capt. G. C. Dawson, 1st Mdx. (85); 2, Nalk Deosaran Singh, 5/7th R.F. (84); 3, R.A.M.S. Hale, 1st Mdx. (80) and 4, B.M. Kifford, 1st Mdx. (78).

Following were yesterday's results with scores in the bracket:—

Deliberate Competition (Open Prize):—1, Ghulam Mohamed, H.K.P. (23) or Mrs. Crofts, R.M. (23); 2, Pte. Conry, 1.R.S. (23); 3, C.S.M. Stanford, 2.R.S. (23) or

5TH A.A.
Capt. Barker, 1.b.w., b Young 4
Dobbinson, b Dewar 28
T. A. Pearce, st. Hamlen, b Martin 18
Bansby, st. Hamlen, b Martin 7
J. L. C. Pearce, c Logan, b Young 0
Clague, 1.b.w., b Young 0
Passmore, 1.b.w., b Martin 0
Martin, b Martin 0
Morgan, b Martin 0
McCadden, b Young 0
Sidders, not out 0
Extras (LB2) 2
Total 63

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Dewar 4 1 35 1
Young 4 4 0 4
Martin 6 2 15 5

R.A.S.C.
Logan, c T. A. Pearce, b Clague 98
Young, run out 4
French, b T. A. Pearce 4
Hamlen, st McCadden, b T. A. Pearce 5
Pearce 8
Benford, b Barsby 6
Howell, c T. A. Pearce, b Dobbinson 6
Dewar, c Passmore, b T. A. Pearce 10
Martin, not out 6
Govier, not out 6
Extras (B5, LB1) 8
Total (for 7 wks.) 157
Glen and Mason to bat.
Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Passmore 3 0 17 0
T. A. Pearce 14 1 36 3
Clague 10 0 56 1
Barsby 5 0 35 1
Dobbinson 3 0 7 1

SMALL UNITS CRICKET

YOUNG, MARTIN AND LOGAN GIVE R.A.S.C. GOOD START IN FINAL

AS THE RESULT of brilliant bowling by Young and Martin, and a big innings by Logan, Royal Service Corps were in a strong position in the Army Small Units cricket final against Fifth A.A. Regiment, at the end of the first day's play yesterday.

ST. JOHN'S BEAT K.C.C.

By "Adrem"

At Club de Recreio last night, St. John's by virtue of a 6-3 victory over Kowloon Cricket Club, qualified to meet Chung Wah in the "B" Division Inter-Sectional badminton League play-off.

For a match of this description the standard was exceptionally low and few games provided very much of interest. Mistakes were made freely by both sides and lengthy rallies were few and far between.

In the absence of R. Maynard, G. W. Giffen was brought into the Cathedral team to partner G. Ladd, but this, apart, both teams were at full strength.

St. John's relied upon two pairs to carry them through and these players did not fail. Eardley and David Kwok, although making dreadful mistakes at times, were never really extended, the terrific smashing of the former and the speed and forecourt accuracy of Kwok proving unbeatable.

Kwok was inclined to assume more of the exchanges than was necessary and this threw the pair out of balance on many occasions.

Norman Smith was the finest player on view on either side. His speed and recoveries combined with a decisive smash and delicate forecourt game, offset any weaknesses in Wilson's game, although the latter also played creditably.

Ladd and Giffen played pluckily but were outclassed.

First Pair Off Form

Wynter-Blyth and Fisher, the K.C.C. No. 1 pair, did not do as well as was expected. The latter took a long time to settle down in the first game against Kwok and Eardley, who ran into a long lead. Later Fisher played very well and played a big part in the late recovery which enabled the pair to finish with 15 aces.

Against Smith and Wilson, Fisher and Wynter-Blyth were completely demoralised by Smith's smashing and they did not do themselves justice.

The other two K.C.C. pairs were very erratic and showed little combination, all four players being well below normal form.

St. John's led 2-1 after the first round; 4-2 after the second, and won the match at 5-2.

Following were the scores:—

P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher, (K.C.C.)

lost to H. C. Eardley and D. Kwok 15-21

beat G. W. Giffen and G. Ladd 21-2

lost to N. L. Smith and P. Wilson 11-21

J. L. Anderson and E. Zimmermann, (K.C.C.)

lost to Eardley and Kwok 10-21

beat Giffen and Ladd 21-5

lost to Smith and Wilson 12-21

H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest, (K.C.C.)

lost to Eardley and Kwok 11-21

beat Giffen and Ladd 21-7

lost to Smith and Wilson 12-21

SIMON ASTOUNDS CRITICS

CHAMPION HIT AND HURT FOR 13 GOOD ROUNDS

RELENTLESSLY PUNISHING his big, youthful foe with murderous blows, Joe Louis, world-heavyweight champion recently successfully defended his title for the 15th time by scoring a technical knock-out over Abe Simon of New York in the 13th round of a title bout set for 20 rounds at the Olympia Stadium, cables Jack Cuddy from Detroit.

Battered and bleeding after providing the champion with the most serious opposition since the Brown Bomber was knocked out by Max Schmeling in 1936, Abe Simon was saved from complete slaughter by Referee Sam Hennessey, who halted the bout.

Simon, heavily punished, was sent crashing to the canvas twice in the fatal 13th round before the referee halted the fight. The big New York youth was game, but he was too weak and groggy to oppose Louis who was bent on making a kill in the 13th round and the referee wisely stopped the bout one minute 20 seconds after the start of the round.

To Meet Again

But in astounding the boxing world by lasting as long as he did, Simon earned the right to meet the "invincible" negro again on May 16.

Mike Jacobs, outstanding boxing promoter, immediately after the fight announced that Louis and Simon would clash in a return bout in New York's Madison Square Garden on May 16. The return fight would be set for fifteen rounds, he said.

Nineteen thousand spectators, a record indoor crowd for Detroit, were flabbergasted as the young New York Hebrew held his own with Louis for a good part of the fight.

The spectators came to see another speedy "execution" by Louis, but stayed to see a young boxer, who only recently climbed into the first ten top heavyweights, hit and hurt Louis and not for a few rounds but for 13 frames.

"Man-Mountain"

Known as "Man-Mountain" because of his size, Simon showed no fear and he waded into his heavy-hitting opponent from the start.

But Louis was too crafty and fast for his powerful foe. Twice before the "unlucky" 13th, Simon ran into deadly blows and sprawled on the canvas for counts. At one time he nearly landed in the press row as Louis hit him a terrific blow and he went half-way through the ropes.

But despite the sledge-hammer blows which he took, Simon weathered the punishment remarkably

well and came back for more, mixing it constantly with Louis. —United Press.

GOLFING BRITISH PRIME MINISTERS

Winston Churchill is the sixth of a list of British Prime Ministers who have been golfers. Others were Lord Balfour, Lord Oxford, Lloyd George, Bonar Law and Ramsay MacDonald. Law's handicap was only five.

P.I. BOXER IN WORLD RANKING

Little Dado of the Philippines is king of all the flyweights. That was the opinion of the National Boxing Association in its annual ranking issued recently.

NBA announced that there was no logical challenger to the heavyweight title held by Joe Louis, but it listed a group of "outstanding contenders," including Billy Conn. The new NBA ranking follows: Heavyweight—Joe Louis.

Light-heavyweight—Anton Christophordis.

Middleweight—Tony Zale.

Welterweight—Fritzie Zivic.

Lightweight—Sammy Angott.

Featherweight—Pete Scalzo.

Bantamweight—Lou Salica.

Flyweight—Little Dado.

NBA made note of the fact that this was the first time in many years that Henry Armstrong and Lou Ambers were missing in the rankings. Both fighters retired from the ring after suffering a series of defeats recently.

Kui Kong of Honolulu was rated a logical contender for the bantamweight title.—United Press.

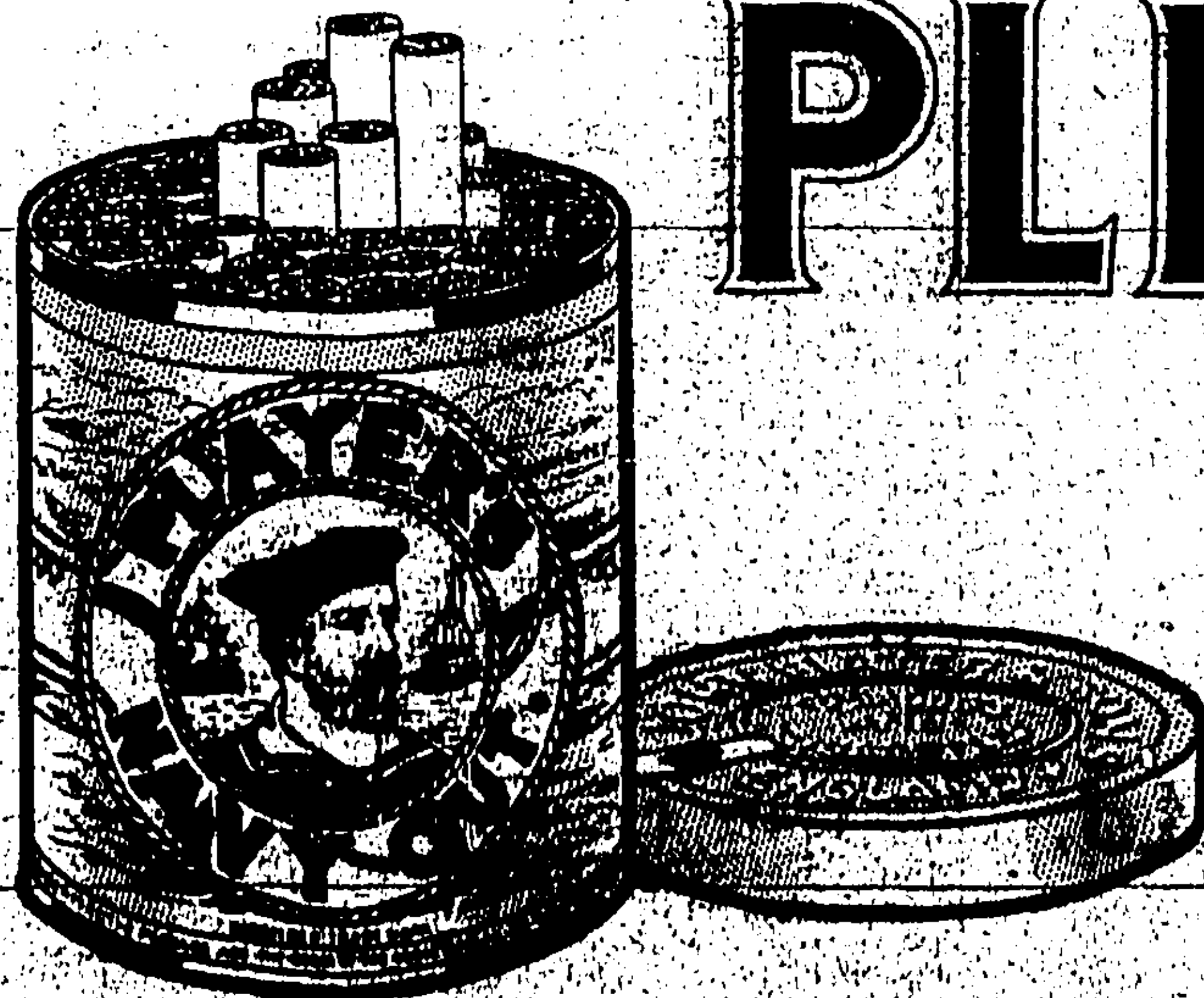
SAINTS ENTERING TWO TEAMS

St. Andrew's Ladies are entering two teams in the seven-a-side hockey tournament on Saturday and the teams, which have not yet been nominated, will be chosen from the following: Miss J. Hall, Miss M. da Roza, Miss G. White, Miss J. Wong, Miss P. Lang, Miss B. Greaves, Miss L. Cross, Mrs. Wilson, Miss G. Darby, Mrs. A. Zimmern, Miss M. Churn, Miss B. Fitzgerald, Miss H. May and Miss F. Wong.

As a matter
of course—



PLAYER'S PLEASE



"It's the
Tobacco that
Counts"

K.C.C. Teams

Kowloon Cricket Club senior team will play their last League cricket match on Saturday, against Civil Service C.C. D. Hung will be back from Shanghai in time to play.

The team is: — E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, E. F. Fincher, D. Hung, R. E. Lee, F. J. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge and N. A. E. Mackay. Umpire J. P. Robinson; Scorer T. M. Carr.

The second eleven, who were unable to finish their match against Civil Service juniors on Saturday, will try to reach a decision this Saturday and will travel to Happy Valley for that purpose. Their team will be: E. A. Gray, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, E. Curtis, W. L. Rapley, R. J. Fenton, H. Brokenshire, G. E. Taylor, W. C. Hung, G. A. Goodban and F. Goodwin. Umpire, R. Leigh; Scorer and reserve, L. R. Burch.

STANFORD MAY TAKE UP CREW

After a lapse of 18 years, the famous American Stanford University is considering resumption of intercollegiate crew racing. Four races have been scheduled for the sport, which has not had any financial assistance from university authorities. Students are using a shell given them by the University of California; four former California crewmen are acting as volunteer coaches.

MATSUOKA AT VATICAN

Learns Views Of Pope On Situation

MR. MATSUOKA, THE Japanese Foreign Minister, may visit occupied France on the way home, he revealed yesterday to pressmen at the Villa Madama, in Rome, where he is staying.

Mr. Matsuoka added he would take advantage of his return journey to stay in Germany as a private citizen, as he was anxious to come into closer contact with the population.

He emphasised his intention of personally informing himself of "the true situation in Europe."

Mr. Matsuoka had a further talk with Mussolini after luncheon yesterday in the presence of Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

At the meeting of Mr. Matsuoka and the Pope earlier, only the religious and moral issue was discussed, state Vatican circles.

Mr. Matsuoka said afterwards he was tremendously impressed by the Pope.

Mr. Matsuoka is leaving Rome to-day.

Cordial Talk

The talk between Mr. Matsuoka and the Pope was extremely cordial, Vatican circles confirm.

The Pope set forth his views of the present situation, Mr. Matsuoka listening with great deference and attention.

The Japanese Foreign Minister then gave the Japanese viewpoint.

Before Mr. Matsuoka left, the Pope presented him with a gold medal.

Mr. Matsuoka subsequently talked with Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State, for nearly an hour.—Reuter.

SUGGESTION PREMATURE

"I think we had better just go on mopping up Abyssinia further," said Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Butler was replying to a question whether any invitation had been received from the Negus to take over the administration of any part of Abyssinia.

Mr. Butler emphasised that the British Government had no territorial ambitions in Abyssinia.—Reuter.

U.S. AND MEXICO IN ALLIANCE

United States-Mexican collaboration for defence of the western hemisphere is visualised in a message sent by President Roosevelt yesterday to the Senate.

The message asks the Senate to ratify the new agreement between the United States and Mexico for the reciprocal use of airfields belonging to each nation, which was signed in Washington on Tuesday.

President Roosevelt says the agreement was concluded in view of the exceptional circumstances which have arisen from the present European conflict "and takes into consideration the necessity of ensuring conditions of maximum speed for movements of aviation required in the defence of the American continent."

"Its purpose is to organise substantial and efficient collaboration between the United States and Mexico in preparations for defence of the western hemisphere."—Reuter.

S. M. C. DISPUTE THREATENS

THE NEW RATIO IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SEATS HAS AROUSED THE OPPOSITION OF CHINESE RATEPAYERS WHO ASSERT THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENT IS CONTRARY TO THE STIPULATION OF THE NANKING LAND REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN FUNCTIONING.

Interviewed by the "North China Daily News" these circles expressed the hope that the Council will do its best to maintain the position of old Chinese members of the Council who have been re-elected in the legal way.

It is said that already more than 20 members of the General Assembly of the Chinese Ratepayers Association (which is composed of 81 members) are going over to the Nanking regime.—Reuter.

TWO YUGOSLAVIAN VESSELS HIT MINES IN ADRIATIC

(Continued from Page 1) that Ulrich von Hasselt is to replace von Heeren as Nazi envoy to Belgrade, has revived hopes of a compromise, although fears of a sudden German blow still persist.

Duce's Alarm

The London "Daily Mail" states that Mussolini's move in the direction of a compromise was prompted by a desire to save his army in Albania, after General Huga Cavallero had reported to the Duce that the position of the Italian army in Albania would become untenable should Yugoslavia join in the war.

With the Yugoslav army ready at a moment's notice to contact the Greek army and at the same time attack the Italian army in Albania in the rear, General Cavallero is reported to have made it clear to the Duce that the only alternative would be a retreat of the whole Italian army to the Adriatic sea.

Belgrade Nervous

Meanwhile, evacuation of Belgrade residents began yesterday on reports of a possible sudden blow by the German army against Yugoslavia.

The Prime Minister, General Simavitch, issued a proclamation advising the people of Yugoslavia to keep calm and remain in their homes.—International News Service.

WAR COUNCIL SUGGESTION

REPRESENTATIVE TO "CHINA MAIL"—Viscount Ellbank, speaking in the House of Lords yesterday, urged the formation of an Imperial War Council with American representation, such as in the last war.—International News Service.

JAPANESE TRADE TACTICS ROUSE PROTESTS

QUESTIONED IN THE Commons yesterday about the "open door" trade policy in China, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the British Government had for some time been watching the trend of Japanese policy towards foreign interests in China, and in particular the effect on British trade.

Recently he took an opportunity to draw the attention of the Japanese Ambassador to the present state of affairs, which the British Government found impossible to reconcile with past protestations of the Japanese Government about the maintenance of the open door.

Asked by Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons.) whether it was right to assume that the Japanese had now gone back on all their agreements regarding

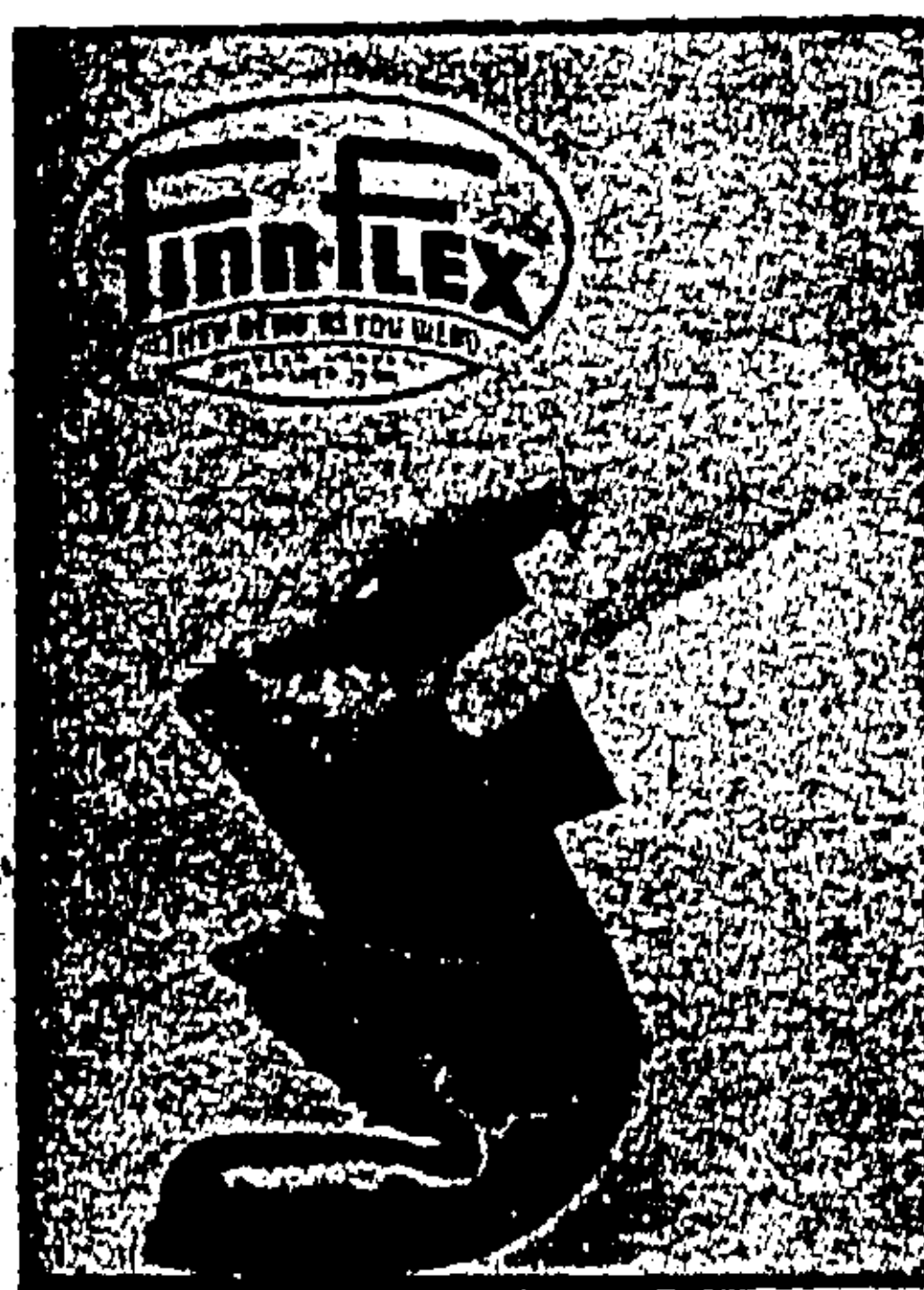
European interests, Mr. Butler said:

"We have on the one hand Japanese statements and on the other hand the situation as it is now developing."

"Japanese statements say their policy is unchanged, whereas the more we look at the situation the more unsatisfactory we see it to be. That is why we have taken an opportunity to bring the matter to the urgent attention of the Japanese Government."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Ten cholera cases were notified to the Health Authorities yesterday.



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